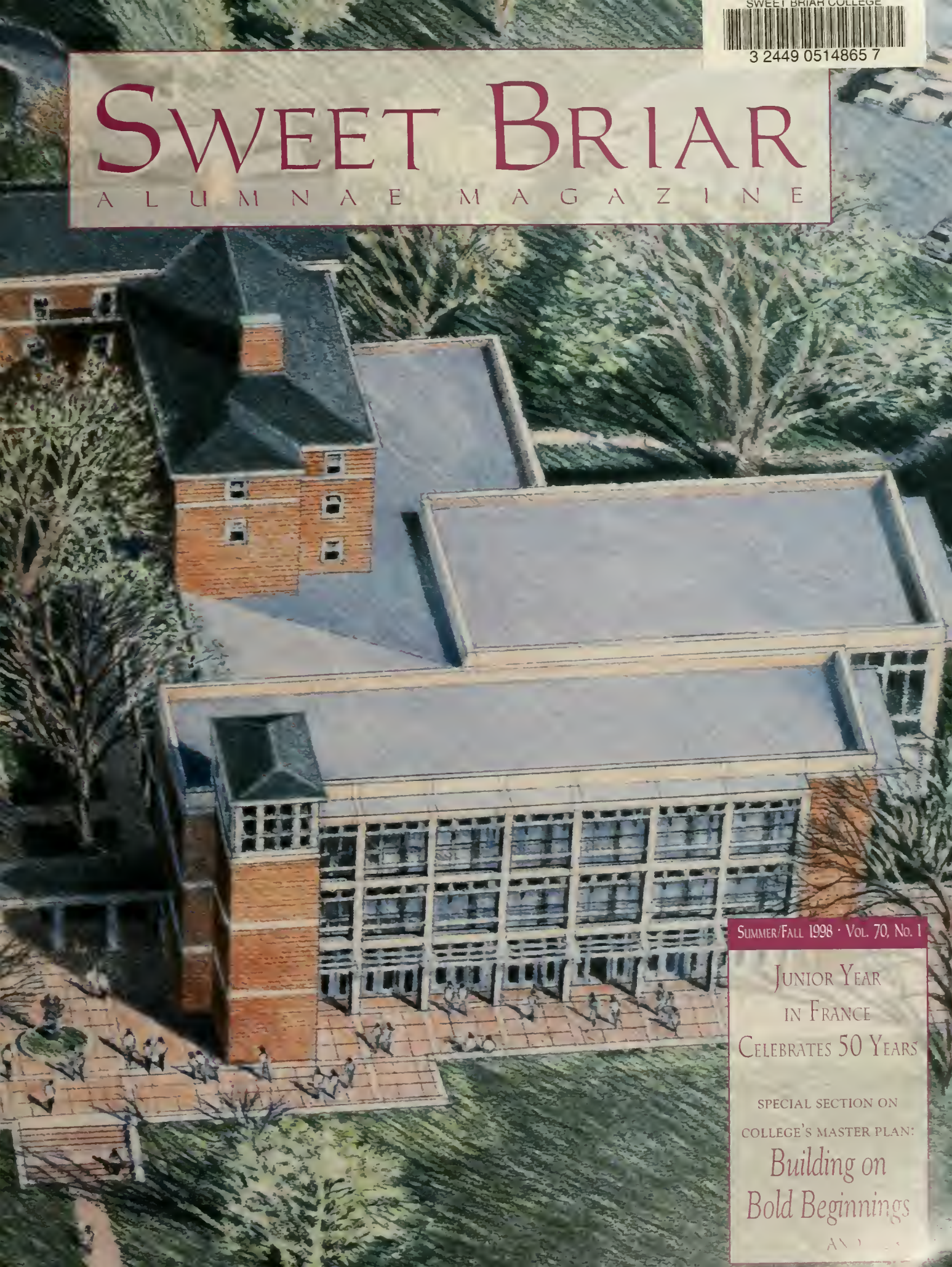


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A Message from the President

*A*s I write this, it is mid-summer at Sweet Briar: hot, a bit hazy, and this year too dry after a very wet spring. We've put in a new vegetable garden behind Sweet Briar House (which means everyone I encounter gets a couple of squash), and some lovely flowers in Daisy's Garden. These pastoral notes, though, belie the sheer number and variety of activities at hand. From my office, I hear a stream of children laughing as they walk through the Quad, hammers downstairs as carpenters retrofit a couple of offices, and a burst of laughter from a meeting in the Fletcher conference room across the hall as staff in Academic Affairs and Co-Curricular Life work on Orientation plans. From early morning each day, archaeology students are digging and shifting through dirt around the Slave Cabin looking for evidences of 18th- and 19th- century slave life; soccer fields and tennis courts are overflowing; and a group of high school students speaking German is overrunning the bookstore. In keeping with our strategic planning initiative to use the campus for year-round learning, Sweet Briar summers are now as active as the regular school year, filled with programs for children and adults of all ages, and we are already talking about new programs (perhaps an alumnae college?) for next summer.

This busy summer flows naturally from what was an academic year marked by unceasing intellectual activity and the harbingers of change in the air. The 1997-98 academic year saw us engaged in intensive planning, in which students, faculty, and staff laid the groundwork for strengthening many aspects of the College. Much of this magazine is devoted to chronicling these matters. Of particular note is the special section that details the College's new Master Plan for the *physical* Sweet Briar over the next 10 to 20 years. The entire college community has been involved in its development. What makes this Master Plan feel so right for us is the fact that it has truly grown out of our academic needs. As I think you will see, it has been developed in service to our

educational mission as a women's college—our physical setting must be an ideal residential community, as well designed to foster the intellectual and emotional growth of women in the 21st century as it did in the 20th.

This year, the Alumnae Magazine itself will experience change and growth. With this issue (and our focus on the Master Plan), we are embarking on a more cohesive, thematic approach to matters of interest to all of you—an approach that we hope will both keep you up to date about the Sweet Briar of today and make clear the ways today's College honors and celebrates the achievements of earlier eras. Our next issue, due to you in January, will highlight in various ways the distinctive teaching characteristic of Sweet Briar, surely the single most important indicator of our vitality as a liberal arts college.

In future issues, you will also find new departments. Since we live in an interactive age, we are anxious to encourage your ideas and comments, and to put you in touch with one another. In the next issue, you will see a section for "Letters to the Editor" to give you a forum for your comments about any aspect of the College, as well as a "Bulletin Board" for short notices: bed-and-breakfast listings, house exchanges, upcoming meetings or mini-reunions, and other information you want to share. Your feedback can help ensure that the magazine meets your needs: the more we can serve as a conduit for ideas and information, the better. Please send us letters and announcements for the inauguration of these two new departments. In this wired world (in which Sweet Briar is a major player—see page 9), there are more ways than ever to keep in touch; don't forget our web site, e-mail, voice mail, and fax, as well as the old standbys of paper and pen.

Best wishes to each of you for a wonderful autumn!

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WINTER FORUMS SERIES, JANUARY 1998

by Emile Langlois, Director of Junior Year in France and Professor of French, Sweet Briar College

In January 1948, the Institute of International Education granted Sweet Briar College permission to administer the Junior Year in France, an intercollegiate, coeducational program which, until the Second World War, had been based at the University of Delaware. Over the next 50 years, the College developed many connections with France. It was therefore particularly appropriate that the Alumnae Association should choose to devote its 1998 Winter Forums to France, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Junior Year in France program, focusing on the topic "French Connections: France at the Turn of the Millennium."

The first speaker, **Sénateur André Maman**, was formerly a professor of French civilization at Princeton University, and has been a longtime supporter of our program. He was elected in 1993 for a nine-year term in the French upper house as one of the 12 sénateurs, out of a total of 321, who represent the interests of French citizens living abroad, a constituency of 1,800,000 French citizens living in 158 countries. His topic was "French Political Life Today: Divisions and Consensus." According to Sénateur Maman, French politics has always been "a game that attracts the best minds in France" because, since the time of the 18th-century philosophes, it has been "an opposition of ideals, of wishes, of dreams." But today this opposition has lost its bitterness, as both the Left and the Right have moved to a centrist position. All top politicians have graduated from the same school: both Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist president of France, and Lionel Jospin, his socialist prime minister, are graduates of the famous Ecole Nationale d'Administration. Furthermore, with the sole exception of those on the extreme Left and Right, all parties have reached a wide consensus which accepts the Gaullist constitution of the Fifth Republic, supports France's participation in the European Union, agrees on national defense, foreign policy, education, and the need for a social safety net covering everyone living in France.

The main divisions concern two of the most pressing problems facing contemporary France: immigration (in particular, access to French citizenship) and unemployment. On the first issue, the Left believes that anyone born in France should automatically be French, while the Right argues that becoming French should require a formal declaration from the person wanting to become French. The difference may seem minor but is tied to the problem of immigration: France has 4,200,000 immigrants, of whom 100,000 become French each year. All parties agree that immigration should be slowed down and

restricted to family members of immigrants already in France or to foreigners with a job offer. They also agree that illegal immigration should be strongly discouraged.

Their other area of difference is unemployment, or rather the policy the Government should

adopt to fight unemployment. The figures are staggering: France has 3,100,000 unemployed or 12.4 % of its working population. Such a high proportion would normally create social unrest, but since the State provides the unemployed with a minimum income (ranging from \$400 to \$800 a month), in spite of recent incidents such as the occupation of some offices and schools by unemployed workers seeking an end-of-year bonus of \$500, and the burning of cars in suburbs with a large proportion of unemployed, this safety network has so far prevented a social explosion. The Socialist government has proposed the creation of 700,000 new jobs, 350,000 in the public sector, 350,000 in the private sector. But, since France already has 5,200,000 civil servants, far more than other European countries, the Right refuses to add to that number. In the private sector, the government hopes that two measures will create new jobs. It claims that the lowering of the workweek from 39 to 35 hours (without loss of salary) should create 200,000 jobs by the year 2000. The Right contests the assumption that there is a total amount of labor which, divided between more people, will create more jobs. The other proposal is for 150,000 jobs to be created by lowering the retirement age from 60 to 55. Here again the Right questions how such retirement can be financed. French people do not feel that any of the parties has real solutions, and are tired of seeing the same politicians propose remedies which have failed. At each recent election they have rejected the party in power because of its inability to solve the problem of unemployment. However, one reason politicians cannot solve these problems is because, while all Frenchmen agree on the need for solidarity, they refuse to give up any of the benefits they enjoy.



André Maman, President Muhlenfeld, Emile Langlois, Director, Junior Year in France



The second speaker, **Jean-Pierre Cauvin**, professor of French at the University of Texas at Austin, examined what the French claim is "The French Exception," and asked whether that exception is a myth or a reality. He began by describing the mood in France as grim. The French feel that the country is at a crossroad: they wish to preserve their identity, but realize that their world is changing rapidly, driven by outside forces. Unfortunately, the nation seems rudderless and true leadership is sorely lacking.

The French constantly claim that their problems are specifically French. Professor Cauvin agreed that there is indeed a French specificity, made up of traditions, practices, "within a model that is specifically French in matters relating to lifestyle, to language, to cultural and societal norms, to politics, to the economy." Everyone wants to preserve the *douceur de vivre*, a lifestyle given over to the enjoyment of the better, gentler, sweeter things in life. This "art of living" even includes an "art of loving," according to a recent book by J. J. Pauvert entitled: *L'amour à la française, ou l'exception française!*

The French defend and promote their language through institutions such as the Académie Française and the Comité de Defense de la Langue Française. Only a few weeks ago, the secretary of the Académie sent a scolding letter to the president of the Republic, because some women ministers were calling themselves "Madame la Ministre" when, since the French language has no feminine form for "ministre," they should be called "Madame le Ministre"! In France, language is not merely "a kind of verbal or writing currency allowing communication," it is a "work of art." In the same way, the French revere their literature. Professor Cauvin remarked that in no other country would millions of TV viewers settle happily in front of their sets once a week to watch and hear people talk about books in such programs as Bernard Pivot's "Apostrophe" or "Bouillon de Culture."

In spite of spectacular successes such as the T.G.V. (High-Speed Train), the Ariane aerospace European program, and the nuclear energy program, which put France in the forefront of scientific and technological research, he noted that she is lagging badly in developing and marketing the results of that research.

Echoing Sénateur Maman's remarks, Professor Cauvin bemoaned the failure of the political class to offer a courageous and coherent game plan which would enable France both to preserve its "French



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Jean-Pierre Cauvin

exceptionalism" and at the same time coax the country into the 21st century. Nowadays the elites (the term is often used in the plural) and even French "intelligence" are being called into question. "L'exception française" has become "le retard français" (French backwardness). Historically, France has experienced social upheavals every 30 or 40 years. The last one was in 1968. Is a new one due? The truckers' strike which paralyzed France and most of western Europe for several days

in 1996 showed that fuses are short. Will France overcome its present malaise to follow the other European countries toward a mixture of social democracy and controlled capitalism? He concluded, echoing André Froissard, that unfortunately "the French love revolutions, but hate change."

The third speaker, **M. François Bujon de l'Estang**, Ambassador of France to the United States, was eagerly awaited at a time when our two countries seemed to have serious disagreements over the Iraq crisis. He chose to speak on "France, Europe and the Transatlantic Partnership." He emphasized the European dimension of France, and began with a paradox: France, one of the most influential countries in the world, is ready to relinquish part of its sovereignty to Europe.



M. François Bujon de l'Estang;
President Muhlenfeld

"France is still one of the seven or eight countries which wield influence in world affairs since it maintains a high-profile foreign policy and therefore enjoys high visibility on the world scene. It is also a country with personal interests in all corners of the world. With 58 million inhabitants, France is a medium-sized country, but in a key geographical position. Its GDP per capita is roughly equal to that of the U.S., therefore it is a rich country. It has a high level of education, is the 4th or 5th economy in the world, and the 4th exporter. It is also one of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, one of the five nuclear powers in the military sense of the word, and a founding member of the G7. Yet, if it wants to maintain this world influence, it cannot do it alone, it needs to be part of Europe."

While Professor Cauvin defined a specific French identity, Ambassador Bujon de l'Estang focused on France's European identity and argued that, in spite of "Euro-pessimism" due to high unemployment and low economic growth, Europe can be proud of its achievements: the exclusion of war, the reconciliation and cooperation between Germany and France, the economic union. He noted that European nations have much in common. They are societies characterized by "open borders, adhesion to free trade, liberal economies with varying degrees of state intervention, and a generous social safety net (health insurance, government-funded pension plans, free education, etc.)." For Ambassador Bujon de l'Estang the problem is "how to combine the aim of increased productivity which is needed in an era of global economic competition with the preservation of the rules of social solidarity that lie at the core of the European model." There are no easy answers, but the problems call for a unified European response.

He noted that the years 1998-2002 will be very important for the European Union as the European Monetary Union, with the creation of a single European currency, the Euro, will become a reality. In May the Union will decide on the 10 or



11 participating countries; on January 1st, 1999 the conversion rates will be irrevocably fixed; Euro banknotes and coins will be introduced by January 2002, and by July 1, 2002 all national banknotes and coins will be withdrawn. A single currency is the natural complement to the single market. It will bring price stability, eliminate exchange commissions, and help growth and employment.

Ambassador Bujon de l'Etang believes that "the dynamic relationship between European construction and transatlantic cooperation is the major factor that will be shaping the international scene in the 21st century. The strength and the depth of the transatlantic partnership rest on solid shared values and interests, on an equal interest for a safer world, and on a complementarity in matters of trade. Europe is the most reliable, open, predictable partner for the United States." But Europe will not be "another economic giant and political dwarf."

Europe regrets that the United Nations has become a kind of punching ball in the U.S. domestic policies. The U.N. is the only legitimate framework for settling disputes, while unilateral actions are a threat to international stability. He noted that the U.S. Congress tends to forget that the laws it passes (such as the Helms-Burton Act regarding foreign companies trading with Cuba or the D'Amato-Gilman Act on trade with Iran and Libya) do not apply to the rest of the world, and argued that all countries should abandon unilaterality and extra-territoriality.

Finally, regarding Franco-American relations, Ambassador Bujon de l'Etang concluded: "We are frequently labeled in this country as a difficult ally. This is both unfair and inaccurate. We are not a difficult ally; we are a demanding friend. France is America's oldest and staunchest ally, the only major country in the world with whom the U.S. has never been at war. We are an old country, deeply rooted in history, but also a very modern power, medium-sized but gifted and ambitious, with global concerns. We have our own interests and we intend to defend them. We have our own views and we intend to express them. But we share the same beliefs and the same values as the United States."

In the middle of the Iraq crisis Ambassador Bujon de l'Etang was not surprised that one of the questions at the end of his lecture addressed the French position toward Saddam Hussein. He answered that while France entirely agrees with the United States that Saddam Hussein must fully comply with the terms of the U.N Security Council resolutions, France believes that U.N. inspections can only be conducted with cooperation from Iraq. Bombing Iraq will not destroy all the weapons of mass destruction but will effectively put a stop to the U.N. inspections. If we want Iraq to cooperate, we must provide some incentives, because the aim of the U.N. resolutions is eventually to reintegrate Iraq in the community of nations.

The final speaker, Isabelle Bajeux-Besnainou, Professor of Finance at George Washington University, examined the problems addressed in the preceding forums from an economic point of view. While explaining the French economic system, she tried to answer a basic question: Is the French economic system, balanced between a free trade economy and a state social welfare system, sustainable in the long run? She noted that France's economic situation is relatively good with a GDP growth of 3% and a 1.4% inflation rate; an industrial production which grew by 4.5% in 1997, the best results in 12 years and a faster growth than the other European countries; a positive balance of trade, with exports growing by 12% in 1997; industrial sectors which do

extremely well: auto manufacture (4th in the world), electrical and electronics, aircraft and aerospace (3rd in the world), tourism (1st in the world), pharmaceutical, perfumes and luxury goods, etc. However, most of these industries thrive because they export. In 1998, the East Asian crisis may slow down these exports at a time when the domestic consumption of manufactured goods remains weak. This is partly due to the unemployment rate of nearly 13 % which is predicted to fall only marginally in 1998.

She went on to explain that the economy is also burdened by the social welfare system which it

helps finance. This state social welfare system is comprehensive. For instance, the health insurance system covers anyone living in France: doctors have private practices, are paid by the patients who are subsequently reimbursed by the State; patients can see as many doctors as they wish, and can see a specialist without being referred by a generalist. She commented that it is no wonder that French people use more medicines than any other nation, or that the system is no longer financially sustainable. Similarly, unemployment benefits for workers laid off for economic reasons cover 80% of the salary during the first year. Anyone over the age of 25 who has exhausted all his benefits is eligible for the RMI (*Revenu Minimum d'Insertion*) which is about \$800 a month. In fact the unemployed have become a political bloc. Being unemployed is now socially acceptable, and the country is divided into two halves: the employed and the unemployed. In addition there is the generous state retirement system (which badly needs to switch to a capitalization system) and the proposed reduction of the workweek to 35 hours, not to mention the 5-week paid vacation every year.

Professor Bajeux-Besnainou questioned whether France can sustain this welfare system, and concluded that in the long run, the answer is definitely no. The system must move closer to the British or American system. This change will be slow, but without change the French economy will not perform at its top level.

The picture of France presented by the four speakers was that of a country with many assets, but a country in crisis because it cannot change fast enough to adapt to the realities of the 21st century. France is, however, fortunate in one respect in that, through its commitment to the European Union, some of those changes will be forced upon it, and because, as Professor Bajeux-Besnainou concluded, "Throughout history France has always found a way to overcome its difficulties."



Isabelle Bajeux-Besnainou; John A. Pelissier, member, Winter Forums Committee



AN AMERICAN IN PARIS

By Amy Boyce Osaki '83, (Sweet Briar Junior Year in France, 1981-82)

"...see everything, enjoy everything, learn everything, and write me an excellent letter brimming over with your impressions."

—Henry James, *Madame de Mauves*

Les Invalides, Paris

In Paris, France on June 18, 1997, I entered the private garden at 9 Place Vauban for the first time in 15 years. I rang the bell, and as I waited, I turned to admire the new gilt on the dome of Les Invalides where Napoleon is buried. The door "buzzed," admitting me to the foyer, and I entered. A short elevator ride and I was at the apartment where I had worked as an "au pair" while a student in Paris on Sweet Briar's Junior Year in France. The memories came rushing back.

My year in Paris was a pivotal time in my life. While there, I learned to think and even dream in French. In later years I used my conversational French skills in my work with the National Park Service, in graduate work at Winterthur Museum, and as Curator of Education at the Portland Art Museum. As an American Studies major at Sweet Briar, study abroad was an extension of my interdisciplinary degree in history, literature, and art history. I completed a Junior Honors independent study on Americans in Paris (Henry James and Mark Twain) and a Senior Honors thesis on American collectors of French Impressionist art. I had selected Sweet Briar in part because of my desire to study in Paris, a desire which originated in the after-school French classes I took in elementary school.

Paris is a fabulous city. Henry James wrote in *The Ambassadors*: "...the Paris evening in short was...in the very taste of the soup, in the goodness, as he was innocently pleased to think, of the wine, in the pleasant coarse texture of the napkin and the crunch of the thick-crust bread." On June 24, 1997, I sat down to a three-hour dinner at Restaurant La Fontaine de Mars with glasses full of red wine (vin noir de Cahors "La Bergerie"), crunchy French bread, salad, *confit de canard* and dessert of *crème brûlée*. With me were 21 travelers, all in Paris as clients on a trip called "Paris for Artists and Educators," run by my company, Walking Softly Adventures. For nine days, we lived in the 7th arrondissement, or district, on the left bank between the Eiffel Tower and the Orsay Museum, the same district where I lived as a student.

From dinner, it was a short walk past the little courtyard fountain to the grand Champ de Mars. Towering above us and lit from all directions stood

the Eiffel Tower. After a cold wait in line, the elevator whisked us up the marvelous angled legs to the three different observation decks. My favorite is the second level where the views are expansive but the ground is still close enough to pick out individual landmarks. The lights of boats on the Seine traced the broad arc of the river below us. Earlier in the day we had floated along the river on the Bat-o-Bus. Without the loud tourist-oriented multi-language narration, the Bat-o-Bus glides along the river leaving you in peace to weave your own Parisian memories. My mind was filled with Edith Piaf's *La Vie en Rose*. We floated under the Alma bridge and the Alexander III bridge just north of Les Invalides. The familiar gilded dome towered above the banks of the Seine. We passed the Orsay Museum and disembarked at Notre Dame on the island called Ile de la Cité. The north tower of the cathedral had just been reopened after extensive renovation, and we were among the first to climb the spiral staircase to gaze eye-to-eye with the now-gleaming gargoyles. On the balcony between the towers, we gazed across row upon row of flying buttresses. Down the twisted stair of the south tower we went, eventually emerging amid roller-skating teenagers on the plaza. We meandered along the north side of the island past the flower market and the Gothic masterpiece of Sainte Chapelle. Our goal was the Berthillon sorbet shop on the neighboring Ile Saint Louis. It was worth the wait in line. Wild strawberry, hazelnut, and pear sorbet were my choices.

As Americans in Paris, we were in good company. Americans, including nearly 2,000 artists, began flooding to Europe in the 19th century. As Mark Twain noted in *The Innocents Abroad*, "Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime." For many artists, the goal was to visit Claude Monet at Giverny. Monet was less than thrilled. "When I first came to Giverny I was quite alone, the little village was unspoiled," he wrote. "Now, so many artists, students, flock here, I have often thought of moving away." American artist Theodore Butler came, stayed,



painted, and married Monet's stepdaughter Suzanne. We visited Monet's home at Giverny, lingered in the garden, and explored the rest of the village. The American Museum at Giverny is a peaceful counterpoint to the bustle of Monet's gardens. It offers a wonderful café and is well worth the visit. Down the street stands the 19th-century hotel where most of the American artists stayed during their pilgrimage to Giverny; its garden is a wild profusion of roses that time forgot. That evening, in a medieval building in the neighboring

village of Vernon, we dined on paté, salmon, assorted cheeses, and apple tart with ample glasses of wine.

The next day, from our temporary home in Paris, we visited the Rodin Museum. Soon after walking through the gates of this beautiful "mini-castle" we were treated to the sight of *The Thinker*, prominently placed in the

garden with the dome of the Invalides in the background. Nearby stood a cast of *The Gates of Hell*, a project which Rodin worked on for 37 years, from 1880 until 1917. Meant to serve as the doors for Paris' new Decorative Arts Museum, *The Gates of Hell* were never installed and the museum was never built. Two of Rodin's most famous sculptures, *The Kiss* and *The Thinker*, were designed as pieces of *The Gates of Hell*. We lingered in this spectacular little museum, admiring the work of Rodin, his mistress Camille Claudel, and his private collection of paintings that includes work by Van Gogh, Renoir, and Monet. The garden café provided a cool, quiet place to sip a cup of tea or an Orangina, have a light salad or soup, and gaze on Rodin's sculptures scattered around the gardens.

"Paris leads everywhere. You can't go anywhere unless you come here first. Everyone that comes to Europe has got to pass through... You can't get tired of it...there is always something new and fresh." Henry James, *Portrait of a Lady*, 1881.

The Orsay Museum, the Picasso Museum, and the Pyramid at the Louvre are "new" additions to Paris, added after my year at the Sorbonne. We spent hours at the Orsay Museum, marveling at the most comprehensive collection of 19th-century French art in the world. Assembled from paintings previously exhibited at the Louvre, the Jeu de Paume, and other national museums, the Orsay can push you into art overload. "One can gorge sights to repletion as well as sweet meats," noted Mark Twain. We traced the development of Impressionism through the galleries and then took advantage of the café on the top floor. Seated at one of the café tables, we had a Charlie Chaplin view of the great clock that faces the Seine. We enjoyed a light lunch of quiche, salad, and café crème. To the right of the café, a broad rooftop terrace provides one of the best views of Paris, with vistas across the river to the Tuileries Gardens, the Louvre, and north to the white church of Sacre Coeur on top of Montmartre. As we left the museum, we marveled at the vision of an Italian architect who presumed to carve out art galleries in a former train station. The Orsay is definitely a powerful new addition to the Paris cityscape.

On another day, we rode the 69 bus with the fashionably-dressed ladies of the 7th arrondissement. We crossed the Seine and disembarked at the Louvre. Towering above the plaza, cradled in the arms of the former palace of French kings, rose the ultramodern glass pyramid designed by I.M. Pei. Abhorred by the French when it was unveiled, the pyramid (like the Eiffel Tower) has won many converts, including me. Our group whisked past the two-hour line and accessed the museum via a special entrance. An escalator carried us below ground, and we stood beneath the pyramid. Here in the great hall, architect Pei's personality emerges. One would think that the use

of marble, chrome, and glass would create a cold and impersonal cavern. But in the hands of a master architect the materials harmonized to create a space that was filled with light and warmth. The surging and flowing of people added the reassuring sounds of life.

We chose one of the four broad corridors leading off the main atrium under the pyramid, and entered another world. One of the surprises of the Louvre renovations was the discovery of the foundations of the original castle. We walked through the new exhibit on a route that proceeds along the bottom of the moat at the base of the fortified walls of the medieval Louvre. We emerged from the moat and climbed the stairs into the galleries. Even these old areas have been made new again. Now medieval Italian paintings by Giotto hang in their glory in a state-of-the-art, climate-controlled gallery with filters on the lights and windows. In the north wing of the Louvre are the newly-opened Napoleon III rooms. The treasures of this magnificent museum truly shine in their new surroundings, and the renovation work continues, promising more surprises in coming years.

Another new addition to the Parisian art scene is the Picasso Museum. After Picasso's wife Jacqueline Roque died in 1990, the artist's family donated a vast collection of Picasso's art to France as a way to avoid paying estate taxes. The Museum now includes over 200 paintings and sculptures and more than 3,000 drawings and engravings by Picasso. We followed his life as evidenced in his art, and roamed through the beautiful rooms of the 17th-century mansion that houses the collection. We stepped out of the mansion and strolled along the garden paths, drawn by the smell of freshly-brewed coffee from the terrace café. Visiting museums in Paris can be such a civilized pursuit. If you are savvy, you can find the hidden treasures of Parisian museums without the crowds.

"Yet our holiday flight has not been in vain—for above the confusion of vague recollections, certain of its best prized pictures lift themselves and will still continue to perfect in tint and outline after their surroundings shall have faded away." Mark Twain, *The Innocents Abroad*.

The group's nine days in Paris came to a close. We spent our last evening together dining at Paris' oldest café, where Benjamin Franklin ate regularly and Diderot composed his Encyclopedia. We had been Parisians for a week, and we celebrated over a meal of mushroom tart, leg of fowl with zucchini (*jambonnet volaille, gratin courgette*), and the *pièce de résistance*, "Paris-Brest," a splendid dessert inspired by a bicycle race! The next morning we said our farewells over coffee and croissants in a quiet courtyard in the "seventh." Soon each of us, with memories aplenty and suitcase in hand, would be leaving the City of Light. I boarded a sleek Thalys train and headed north to the Netherlands. I stayed with Marijtje van Duijn '87 and reminisced about my time in Paris. I know that a part of me will always remain along the Seine.

Amy Boyce Osaki '83 owns Walking Softly Adventures, a specialty travel company. She returned to Paris with a group in July 1998, and will also lead an art adventure to Holland. Other 1998 trips include hiking adventures in the Italian Dolomites, Norway, the Pyrenees, and the Polish Tatras. You can reach her via e-mail: wsadventures@mtwo.com; by phone (503) 788-9017; fax (503) 788-0463; or mail: Walking Softly Adventures, P.O. Box 86273, Portland, OR 97286. Visit her website at: <http://www.mtwo.com/~wsadventures>.



Amy sipping an Orangina in a French café

JUNIOR YEAR IN FRANCE 50TH ANNIVERSARY TRIP: MAGNIFIQUE!



SBC JYF! Top row: Kay Leroy Wing '50; Katherine Estes '41; Lee Montague Watts '39; Betty Stanly Cates '63, BOD, AB; Beverly Smith Bragg '54; Sarah Tams Kreker '39; Douglas Woods Sprunt '42; Mildred "Bee" Newman Thayer '61, BOD; Elizabeth "Betty" Forsyth Harris '60. 1st row: Mary Morris Gamble Booth '50; Katharine "Kay" Weisiger Osborne '47; Dabney Bragg Foshee '77; President Muhlenfeld; G. Janelle Sherfy Straszheim '72; Carla de Creny Freed '51; Audrey Lahman Rosselat '48; Lynn Crosby Gammill '58.



M. Jean-Pierre Tolochard, Vice Mayor for Culture and International Relations, Tours

June 4-17, 1998, a congenial group of 44 participated in a very special trip to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Sweet Briar College Junior Year in France (JYF) Program. Since 1948, this program has given over 5000 American and Canadian college students the opportunity to study for a year in France.

The June trip, sponsored jointly by the SBC Alumnae Association and the JYF Program, sought, through its itinerary, to recreate a mini "Junior Year in France." President Muhlenfeld, her husband, Laurin Wollan, and Pamela and Emile Langlois, SBC Professor of French and Director of the JYF Program went along, as did Robert G. Marshall, former director of the program.

Thirty-four travelers enjoyed a delightful six-day transatlantic crossing on the newly-refitted *Queen Elizabeth 2*, said to set the standard for ocean liner travel. Former JYFers aboard said this trip was *slightly* more luxurious than their student days! After docking at Southampton, the group traveled by Eurostar (with an unexpected one-hour stop in the Chunnel itself!) from London to Paris, and then on to the Loire Valley. Everyone (including ten more who had flown directly to Paris), settled into the magical medieval world of the *Hotellerie du Fricure St. Lazare*, part of the Abbey of Fontevraud (a fitting setting, since the 12th-century abbey, consisting of five priories including a monastery, was traditionally run by a woman). The group, guided by art historian Carol Cardon (who had everyone to lunch!), spent several leisurely days filled with sight-seeing, concerts, and visits to surrounding chateaux. A day in Tours, the lively little city which for five decades has welcomed JYF students during their orientation period, ended with an elegant reception hosted by M. Jean-Pierre Tolochard, Vice Mayor for Culture and International Relations, at the magnificent *Hôtel de Ville*, Tours' historic city hall.

En route to Paris, there was a stop in Chartres for a private tour, led by distinguished scholar Malcolm Miller, of the incomparable Gothic Cathedral, famed for its brilliant stained glass windows.

The celebration culminated with a four-night stay in Paris where the full program of activities included a private reception at the American Cathedral; a tour of the new Richelieu wing at the Louvre; a visit to Monet's home and its glorious gardens in Giverny, and a private party at the Musée Jacquemart André for Sweet Briar and JYF alumnae/alumni living in Paris.

Two very special evenings in succession ended the stay: On June 15, M. and Mme. Vincent Negré (Mary Pauline Delahushe '65) hosted the entire group for dinner at their charming apartment filled with stunning contemporary art, and the following night, Senator André Maman (who lectured at SBC last January) hosted an elegant Farewell Dinner at the French Senate—a final testimony to the high esteem in which the JYF program is held in France.

The final verdict: the trip was *incroyable*. No one wants to wait another 50 years to return.



Top row: Bryant Freeman; Helen Greer; Beverly Shivers; Mary Morris Gamble Booth '50; Edward Bloomberg. Front: Robert G. Marshall, former director, JYF; Emile Langlois, director, JYF.



The Louvre



Lee Montague Watts '39.



Nancy F. Walker (sister of Betty Forsyth Harris).



Carla de Creny Freed '51.



Betty Stanly Cates '63.



Sarah Tams Kreker '39; Flo Bayer



Mary Braphy of Academic Arrangements Abroad, escort on the Q&A voyage; Betty Forsyth Harris '60; William Harris.



Barbara Buikema; Kay Leray Wing '50; Lillian Baardman; Douglas Woods Sprunt '42.



Bee Newman Thayer '61; Carlo de Creny Freed '51; Pamela Langlois.



Beverly Shivers; Laurin Wallan (background).



Dabney Bragg Foshee '77; Beverly Smith Bragg '54.

THE MAP

By Devon Vasconcellos, SBC Class of 1999, Boulder, CO, Sweet Briar Junior Year in France 1997-98

At the end of my first week in Paris, while planning a weekend trip to Switzerland, I bought a map of Europe. It's huge. So big, in fact, that I decided to put it on the wall over my bed instead of going to the trouble of unfolding it each time I wanted an impromptu geography lesson. After my trip, I colored the Swiss territory with a purple colored pencil. A month later, I turned Armistice Day into a five-day weekend (I don't think I was the only one...), and as a result, England got colored pink on my map.

Since then, I've only been gaining momentum. I've been writing papers, getting used to Paris, and trying to improve my French without getting too discouraged that I can't tell the difference between *dessous* and *dessus* when I hear them. I have decided that this year is definitely about more than *cours magistraux*, credits, and textbooks—sure, I go to classes, but sometimes I feel like I'm only treading water during the week until it's time to hop on the train on Friday. I look at that big map on my wall, my eyes scanning city names until I find one that looks interesting. "Bratislava? No one goes there. Maybe that'll be my next trip." So it was.

I remember the afternoon I spent in London's Cabinet War Rooms—my map is almost as big as those in Winston Churchill's Map Room, but I am lucky enough to be in Europe at a time when "conquering" a country means seeing the sights before returning to the safety of my apartment in Paris' *sixieme*. Honestly, though, some of the most memorable trips I've taken have been the ones where I end up thinking, "Hey, wait, I've learned about that"—the D-Day beaches in Normandy, for example, or Dachau—so I guess my studies and my travels have all come together in the end.

That's without a doubt one of the most rewarding parts of studying somewhere so rich in history. Whether one's interests lie more in Roman history or with World War II, there's always going to be a *site historique impressionnant* to take in before a stop at the Hofbrauhaus, the nearby *patisserie*, or a sidewalk gelateria. I hope I never forget a moment of it.

I plan to take the map home with me as one of many souvenirs of my time here. I'm already wondering how I'll get everything in my two suitcases. The map is still huge—but Europe seems a lot smaller now.

Devon's comments were originally published in the *Junior Year in France Bulletin*, May 1998.



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Sweet Briar College News

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Sweet Briar Ranks 21st on List of Nation's "Most Wired" Colleges *SBC Tops List of Women's Colleges and Small Liberal Arts Colleges*

Sweet Briar College is in the thick of the information revolution, holding its own with such science and technology giants as MIT, CalTech, and Virginia Tech.

In its May 1998 issue, *Yahoo Internet Life* magazine ranked Sweet Briar 21st on its list of "America's 100 Most Wired Colleges"

and third among the category of "small liberal arts colleges." Sweet Briar was also the highest-ranking women's college on the list. Only one other women's college made the list: Wellesley was ranked 87th.

The other Virginia institutions which made the list were Virginia Tech, ranked 15th and UVA, 16th. Dartmouth is the top-ranked college overall; Emerson College is the highest-ranking liberal arts college.

The survey takes into account all aspects of a wired campus: network infrastructure, social life, use of e-mail and the world wide web, administrative services – but focused primarily on the academic benefits of using the internet. The growing use of online course material and online work and discussion is changing the way students learn.

What makes Sweet Briar so far ahead in technology? We prepare students to be active, responsible members of a world that is rapidly changing through technology.

Technology is a critical component of life at Sweet Briar and life after college. Access to a well-equipped computer and computer literacy are necessary for Sweet Briar course work, research, and for accessing the internet, the world wide web, and e-mail.

The role of technology at Sweet Briar is not only to teach students specific software or systems but also to prepare them to function competently in a complex world of diverse technologies. Toward this goal, Sweet Briar integrates computers throughout the curriculum so that students become experts in learning technology whenever it is needed.

- All SBC students receive e-mail accounts and have unrestricted access to create web pages. Internet and computer training is available to all students and faculty.
- Campus multimedia computer labs provide 24-hour access to Pentium and Macintosh machines, printers, and special peripherals, free of charge.

- The student-to-computer ratio is 6:1.
- Every dormitory room, classroom, and office is wired to the campus computer network through a fiber optic backbone that allows high-speed ethernet communications. Access to the global internet is achieved through Virginia Education and Research Network (VERNET), which allows students, faculty, and administrators to exchange e-mail, access bulletin boards, and exchange files with any of thousands of computers around the world, free of charge.

Sweet Briar Student Wins Marshall Scholarship

Catherine Patricia O'Brien '99, from Warrenton, VA, was recently selected as a George C. Marshall Undergraduate Scholar by the George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington, VA.

An anthropology major, Catherine was one of 20 students from Virginia colleges chosen by their professors for the honor. She will be doing research at the Marshall Library to develop a paper relating to the manuscript collections there, focusing on the Marshall Plan as the beginning of the Americanization of European institutions.

"My research has been a learning process in and of itself," she said. "It has given me an additional opportunity to work closely with faculty from Sweet Briar College, Washington and Lee, and the Marshall Foundation on a complex issue."

The Marshall Research Library is the repository for the papers of General George C. Marshall, who served as Army Chief of Staff during World War II, and later as Secretary of Defense. As author of the Marshall Plan for foreign economic assistance following World War II, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953, the only professional soldier to be so honored.

The Marshall Undergraduate Scholarship Program offers outstanding students a chance to use original resources to develop research papers, which become part of the permanent collections of the library. A \$200 award is presented to the scholar upon completion of the research paper, and an additional \$500 award is given to the author of the paper considered to be the most outstanding of the year.

Kimberley McGraw Euston '92: Wall Street Banker Shares Hot Tips With Students

By Ann MacDonald '97, Alumnae Programs Coordinator, Sweet Briar College

Photo by Charles Grubbs



Kimberley McGraw Euston '92 returned to Sweet Briar last spring as part of the Alumnae-in-Residence Program sponsored by the Alumnae Office. Through this program, Sweet Briar alumnae of all ages, geographic locations, and occupational fields visit campus to deliver lectures, participate in discussions with students, teach or serve as guest speakers in the classroom, and offer detailed

advice on charting a successful path in the "real world."

Kimberley, an international affairs major, works on Wall Street as an associate with J. P. Morgan. Her expertise in international banking and finance, and her willingness to share her life-after-Sweet-Briar experiences, captivated students and faculty alike as she:

- spoke with prospective Sweet Briar students and their parents about her career trading foreign stocks on Wall Street;
- participated in an Alumnae Office Panel on "Networking and Internship Opportunities," describing her Sweet Briar experiences and how they prepared her for her career;
- spoke to Professor Barbara Perry's class on "Constitutional Law," and to Professor Reuben Miller's senior seminar in economics;
- met with students privately to offer advice on writing résumés for jobs in business, and hints on adjusting to the fast pace of life in New York City.

Alumnae taking part in this program provide an impressive and extremely helpful networking outlet for students. Kimberley, in speaking of her experiences, told the students, "It was so wonderful to prove that even though a young woman attends a small liberal arts college for women, she is exposed to the greatest of internship possibilities, and the recruitment of the big Fortune 500 companies." Alumnae convey to students that there is, in fact, life after Sweet Briar; and that, whatever a young woman chooses to do, her Sweet Briar degree opens a world of opportunity.



Kimberley at lunch with students in the Bistro.

Photo by Charles Grubbs

New Academic Calendar

As an integral part of its new strategic plan, Sweet Briar College has changed its academic calendar from 4-1-4, with a short term in January, to two 15-week semesters. The fall semester begins August 31, 1998, and ends December 18. Spring semester 1999 runs from January 11 through April 29. Sweet Briar's 90th Commencement will take place on Saturday, May 1.

The new calendar offers several advantages to Sweet Briar students:

- It will incorporate additional opportunities for students to learn in a flexible environment. SBC is expanding on-campus intensive study opportunities, such as independent studies and directed studies, on-campus internships, off-campus travel/study, and other experiential learning. As part of this effort, the Career Services Office is also expanding its programs.
- It assures a complete and rigorous course of study in every discipline, which is of primary importance as technological advances in every area of study have added a new dimension to what it means to be competent.
- It's in sync with the calendars of other area colleges, allowing easier cross-registration with Hampden-Sydney, Lynchburg, and Randolph-Macon Woman's colleges, adding to the number and variety of course offerings available.
- It will allow SBC students a head start at undertaking internships, as well as the chance for longer and more rewarding summer job experiences. With spring term ending April 29, they will be able to begin internships earlier than students from many other colleges.

1998 Presidential Medalists

The Presidential Medal recognizes seniors whose accomplishments have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement and, in addition, distinction in community service, leadership, athletic achievement, and contributions to the arts and to community discourse. Honorees receive a replica of the president's medallion, which was first presented to former SBC president Barbara Hill at her inauguration in 1991.

Catherine Carrington Zahrn of Cartersville, GA and Kristy Ellen Winstead of Louisville, KY are the 1998 Presidential Medalists.



Photo by Dove Abrams

Catherine Zahrn double-majored in psychology and dance. Her career objective is to pursue a master's degree in dance ethnology at the University of Hawaii and to join the Peace Corps. "She has a strong desire to help people in other countries," said SBC President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld in conferring the award. "She's committed to bettering our world in a most positive way."

Catherine was a Pannell Scholar, a Dean's Scholar, received First-Year Honors and was on the Dean's List. She made significant contributions to the College in the arts, in community discourse, and in the leadership of the Residential Life program. She was a member of "Taps-N-Toes" (Sweet Briar's honorary dance club), serving as the club's president her senior year, and was actively involved in the Sweet Briar Environmental Program; Circle K Club, receiving the Circle K Distinguished Secretary Award; Unity; Chapel Committee; and Habitat for Humanity.

She performed in numerous dance concerts at the College and also performed at nursing homes and in schools in and around Amherst County. In the 1996 fall dance concert, she choreographed a trio based on the architecture of Sweet Briar's architect Ralph Adams Cram, and on the tradition of lantern bearing. Called "Vaulted Reflections," this choreography was chosen to represent best student work in an anthology of student, faculty, and staff achievements prepared last fall.

Catherine spent her junior year at Murdoch University in Australia, where she became interested in aboriginal dance and ethnology. She has also traveled to Switzerland, France, Monaco, England, Martinique, and the West Indies.

Her work résumé already is extensive, reflecting a variety of interests and accomplishments. She taught creative movement to third-graders at Amherst's Central Elementary School, and was a dance program director and cabin counselor at Camp Merriewood in Sapphire, NC, where she taught daily classes and choreographed and directed two dance concerts. She was a

resident assistant at Sweet Briar; worked in the College's Science Library; served as a hospital volunteer at the Riverview Regional Medical Center in Gadsden, AL; and taught ballroom dancing at the Danville, VA Golf Club. She also taught at a YMCA after-school program called "Jump Up and Dance," which is directed by Sweet Briar's Dance Department.



Photo by Dove Abrams

Kristy Ellen Winstead completed her Sweet Briar degree in December 1997, earning a bachelor of science in biology *summa cum laude* with a double minor in chemistry and dance. She returned to campus last spring to work in the Development Office, and entered medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio last summer.

Kristy was the recipient of numerous scholarships and awards, including the Distinguished Collegian Award from the Kiwanis Club, the Dallas Rotarian Scholarship for four consecutive years, and the Betty Bean Black Scholarship. She earned First-Year Honors; was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, the first-year honor society; was on the Dean's List; and was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. An SBC Honors Research Fellow, her paper, "A Study of the Brain Structure of Glycera Dibranchiata," was published in the Honors Journal, where she was cited for her contributions to the NIH grant studying dithiophosphates and their antiviral/antioncogene properties.

Kristy did independent study in dance medicine; was a teaching assistant and head tutor in both the Biology and Chemistry departments; was a head laboratory technician in the Biology Department; taught various labs on genetics and on computers (both PC and Mac platforms); and was a student member of the Instruction, Academic Affairs, and Faculty Grants committees of the College's Board of Directors.

Service to her community included volunteering for the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon; participating in the "Stand for Children Rally" in Washington, DC; and work with Habitat for Humanity. For two years, she was a resident assistant at SBC, and from 1995-1997 served the Admissions Office as tour guide chairwoman. She received the Circle K Award for "Outstanding Member for Community Service Contributions" and served the Circle K Club as its president and district historian.

"Kristy is clearly a young woman of tremendous accomplishment, leadership, compassion, and grace," said President Muhlenfeld in presenting the award.

Student Curates Groundbreaking Art Exhibit

Art history major Stacy Sharpes '98, from Marlinton, WV, has done something most undergraduates only dream of—curated a full-scale groundbreaking art exhibition from start to finish. The exhibit featured two “visionary” artists, a genre that has received little attention from the mainstream art world.

Stacy worked for more than six months on the project, building the exhibit from the ground up. Under the direction of Rebecca Massie Lane, director of Sweet Briar Galleries, and art history professor Diane Moran, Stacy selected the topic, found the artists, found collectors, arranged to borrow the works, and researched and wrote the entire catalog. She installed the exhibition and coordinated all the publicity.

“I can think of no other institutions that would put a project of this magnitude in the hands of an undergraduate student,” said Professor Moran. “Student-curated exhibits are often drawn from the College’s own collection. Not only did Stacy assemble works from private sources but, because so little research has been done on her topic, she’s done original research to find primary source material to assemble the catalog.” “This is a perfect example of the kind of learning experience a Sweet Briar student receives that no other college or university can offer,” added Rebecca Lane. “Stacy had the College Galleries and all of their attributes at her disposal.”

Stacy conceived the idea of an “outsider” or “visionary” exhibit while conducting research at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore, working in its library and exhibition halls. An interview with museum director Rebecca Hoffberger fueled the interest. She

Photo by Dave Abrams



quickly began to focus on artist Myrtice West and the subject of apocalyptic art, later discovering the work of The Reverend McKendree Long.

“As the millennium approaches, I think we’re going to see a lot more interest in apocalyptic art like this,” said Stacy. “It was a challenge to put it all together, but it’s exciting to know that I’m among the first people to do serious work on

these visionaries.”

“Outsider artists” are people who dwell on the fringes of society—the insane, the incarcerated, the handicapped, the visionary, and the reclusive. They have never received formal art training, are not motivated by the sale of their work, and are unaware of the art world and its forms and traditions. They are driven by an intense personal need to create, often using irregular materials such as house paint, bed sheets, or linoleum.

Perhaps the most mystical branch of outsider art is “visionary art.” Visionary artists produce prophetic visions that they have received either in vivid dreams, hallucinations, or encounters with angels and extraterrestrials. These revelations often reflect deep religious experiences for the artists, and many claim to have been called by God to create them. The approaching year 2000 has inspired many people, including these visionary artists, to turn to the Book of Revelation and its visions of the apocalypse, Armageddon and the Second Coming of Christ.

Sweet Briar Riders Place Third at National Championships

The Sweet Briar College varsity riding team took third place overall at the Affiliated National Riding Committee (ANRC) Intercollegiate Championships, held April 25-26 at Goucher College in Baltimore, MD.

Jen Lampton '01, from Berkeley, CA, won the individual hunter seat equitation competition, and with teammate Cara Meade '01, from King George, VA took first place in the team portion of that competition. Jen placed eighth overall and, with Cara, placed third in team dressage and fourth in team hunter trials equitation. Cara placed fifth in both individual dressage sportif and hunter equitation, and seventh overall.

Sweet Briar also took first place in the written portion of the competition, with Jenn Hogan '98, from East Meredith, NY winning first place and Tina Brady '99, from Verona, WI taking third. Three riders placed high in the individual overall competition: Katie Whitlock '99, from Gordonsville, VA (14th), Tina Brady (19th), and Jenn Hogan (20th).

The ANRC Championship meet consists of both team and individual competitions in five categories: dressage sportif, hunter trials equitation (cross country), hunter seat equitation (stadium jumping), written (theory and horse science) and overall.

The Sweet Briar riding team, under the direction and coaching of Paul Cronin, has been the ANRC National Champion or Reserve Champion in 14 of the past 19 years. In May, Paul celebrated his 30th anniversary as director of Sweet Briar’s nationally-recognized riding program.

The final overall team results were: St. Lawrence University (158.12), St. Andrew’s Presbyterian College (157.28), Sweet Briar College (152.61), Goucher College (152.30), University of Virginia (151.16), and Mt. Holyoke College (141.62).

SBC Dining Experience Gets New Flavor



Photo by Deane Wertz

If you've eaten in Prothro Commons recently, it's hard not to notice that things are different. The lines move more quickly. It's easier to raid the Deli Bar. You eat squid for lunch. What? Squid? Excuse me, fried calamari. "The calamari was great," said Kelly Bowman '98, from Pescadero, CA. "Awesome!"

Food Services Director Kevin Phelps and new Executive Chef Tim Pritchett are shaking things up at Prothro. The duo has been adding new items to the menu, and special theme days—like the popular Mexican buffet.

Formerly under the direction of Archie Waldron, who is now director of the College's Auxiliary Services, Sweet Briar's Food Service has been ranked by the *Princeton Review* for several years in a row as one of the best in the country, so Kevin and Tim have a hard act to follow.

During the first week of the 1998 spring term, lunchgoers were treated to such tasty fare as a foccacia sub, jerk chicken sandwich, spanakopita, and barbecued chicken with meat so tender it fell right off the bone. A big surprise winner for the week was a grilled veggie sandwich (grilled eggplant, zucchini, and butternut squash with mozzarella cheese on a sourdough roll). The sandwiches went so quickly that Chef Tim and his crew had to rush back into the kitchen to prepare more. "We've had a lot of requests for more vegetarian meals," said Tim, "from vegetarians and from people who are just trying to eat healthy."

Salads are big; diners are sampling new specialty salads on Monday and Friday lunches and at Wednesday dinner: Greek salad with feta cheese and black olives, Chicken Caesar salad with crisp Romaine lettuce and fresh seasoned croutons, and Hot Smoked Salmon salad. Specialty salads are set up at the head of the salad bar with a demo plate to guide you as you build your masterpiece.

Service tables are another new feature: hungry breakfast eaters may select toppings and watch the cook prepare their

very own made-to-order omelets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Others look for specialty pasta tables at dinner.

And diners aren't shy about making suggestions. Catherine Peek '01, from Winchester, VA told Tim and Kevin about her mom's lemon biscuits. "We said that we'd love to try them," said Tim. "Her mom had just mailed a batch to her, so she ran up to her room and brought some back. We're going to try them on our menu."

Tim Pritchett joined Sweet Briar dining services as executive chef midway through fall semester. Easily identified by his trademark "chef's pants" and snappy comments on the suggestion board, he has made his presence known on campus. "We took our time finding the right person for the executive chef position," said Kevin Phelps. "There were several candidates with excellent credentials, but we knew that Tim would be the best fit for Sweet Briar. We needed a 'people person' who could listen to the students and their needs."

Tim brings 11 years of experience in the kitchen. He earned an associate degree in the culinary arts from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, where he also completed a 30-week continued program in baking and pastry. His list of credentials includes an externship at the Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas, TX; the position of garde manager chef at the One Market Restaurant in San Francisco, CA; and a stint as chef tournant at the City Grill in Atlanta, GA. Then he returned home to Lynchburg, where he served tours as executive chef at Sachiko's International Restaurant and the Boonsboro Country Club.

"It's common for a chef to move from place to place early in his career," says Tim. "Eighteen to 24 months is average. But you're doing it for the experience. Every place you work, you learn something new. It's like a continuation of school. This is a great place to work. The crew is great, the people are friendly, and I'm back in my hometown near my family."



Photo by Catherine Dost

Executive Chef Tim Pritchett

Riding Reunion, May 8-10, 1998: A Very Special Occasion

*S*arah Babcock '83 welcomed guests to the Riding Reunion Weekend's first event, a dinner party at the Wailes Student Center, Friday evening, May 8, noting that: "Reunions are very special events—*festive occasions*—marked by the joy of reconnecting, of reexamining moments of our lives stored in memory, of reliving experiences shared with close friends, and teachers, and mentors. Reunions let us blend the past with the present, and encourage us to look forward into the future. Reunions also often hold *surprises*."

"This Reunion is no exception. Tonight more than 100 riding enthusiasts have gathered to join Sweet Briar College in a *surprise celebration* in honor of a close friend, a valued colleague, an exceptional teacher, an admired mentor. Paul Cronin, we are here to celebrate your 30 years as Director of Riding at Sweet Briar College!"

That set the special tone for the evening. And there were other surprises to follow. After dinner, Peggy Jones Wyllie '45, Chair of the Betts Challenge Steering Committee, took the podium, first to thank members of her committee, Ford and Rejje Cramer, Parents Chaircouple; Stephanie Bredin Speakman '68 and Mary Fleming Willis Finlay '66, Leadership Gifts Co-Chairs; and Makanah Dunham Morriss '66 and Katherine Baker Sydnor '66, Special Gifts Co-Chairs. Then Peggy said: "Many of you know that this past year we have been seeking financial support for our Riding Program endowments—our goal is to raise \$1 million, to be matched from the estate of Audrey Teal Betts '45. My thanks to all who have answered our call so generously. We have received one gift for a specific building enhancement project. You will notice that the stable yard in front of the Harriet Howell Rogers Riding Center has been spruced up to look like a proper stable yard. A plaque will be added in a prominent position. The plaque reads: 'This Stable Yard is named The Cronin Yard in honor of Paul D. Cronin in celebration and grateful recognition of his thirty years of outstanding service as Director of Riding. Given by Paul's many friends. May 9, 1998' "



Paul enjoys his SBC Captain's Chair, with a plaque commemorating The Paul D. Cronin Chair in Riding. L-r: Toni Bredin Massie '71; Cathy Calella Staples '79; Alletta Bredin-Bell '74; Ann Cronin; Catherine Cronin (Paul's daughter-in-law); Peggy Jones Wyllie '45; Sarah Babcock '83; David Cronin (Paul's son); Margaretta Bredin Brakow '70; Stephanie Bredin Speakman '68.

There was more to come as Peggy ceded the podium to President Muhlenfeld, who said: "It is no *surprise* to any of us that Sweet Briar's Riding Program is well known, and is a major 'plus' in the enrollment (and retention) of scholar-riders. For instance, more than 33 percent of the entering students indicate an interest in riding. One of the reasons that students are interested in the Riding Program is the reputation that Paul has acquired over the past 30 years."

"Paul came to Sweet Briar in 1967 when the Riding Program consisted of about 20 students who enjoyed recreational riding in modest facilities. Since then, Paul has developed a comprehensive curriculum which

offers more than 20 courses ranging from basic riding position to advanced training of young horses. Three areas of emphasis in hunter/show horses, training and schooling, and hunter/cross country provide opportunities for all levels of riders, from expert to absolute beginner.

"Paul also is a shining example for our College within the equestrian community. A recognized Affiliated National Riding Commission (ANRC) judge, and a No.1 rated rider, he is highly regarded as a judge, trainer, and educator. He has coached Sweet Briar teams to 14 ANRC national championships or reserve championships, and numerous Sweet Briar riders to the winner's circle in International Horse Show Association (IHSA) competitions. His students have gone on to success in the international horse world as instructors, judges, and competitors. This has not gone unnoticed!

"I am thrilled to be able to make a very exciting announcement. The College has received an anonymous \$500,000 endowment gift which, matched by the Betts Challenge, names an endowed Chair in Riding. This chair is to be known as the Paul D. Cronin Chair in Riding. It will help ensure that we always have the caliber of riding instruction for which Paul is recognized. *Surprise, Paul! And Congratulations!*"



A Toast to Paul Cronin

By Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn '77, May 8, 1998

Paul, 30 years! A time within which you have instilled values and taught skills to so many students during their formative years. Those of us who have had the good fortune to participate in SBC's Riding Program under your tutelage continue to benefit from lessons learned, including the value of preparation, hard work, having a plan, and maintaining the highest standards. We learned there are no "quick fixes" or shortcuts, no automatic martingale to keep a horse's head in the proper position. From preparation and diligence we gained the confidence to know that, come what may, we will do a job we can be proud of.

Twenty-one years after Sweet Briar and with children of my own, I continue to have a deep appreciation for your commitment to your students. From crack-of-dawn departures for horse shows or hunting, returning well after dark, to early morning schooling sessions, you were always available for us.

The special riding facility you helped design, coupled with a prescribed-yet-flexible system for training horses and riders continues to impart lifelong skills to those who pass through the Rogers Riding Center. How fitting that the Riding Center courtyard is dedicated in your honor.

With heartfelt gratitude, we salute you now and always.



Clockwise from directly above:

- Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn '77; Adelaide Esthoch '78.
- Paul responds to the surprise gift of the plaque naming the stable yard in his honor.
- Gathered for dinner, l-r: Soroh Bobcock '83; Ford Cromer; Rejje Cromer; Meg Richards Wiederseim '78.
- Mrs. Paul (Ann) Cronin.
- Keadie Grones Leonard '76, SBC Riding Center Manager.
- President Muhlenfeld: "Surprise, Paul! And Congratulations!"
- Applause! Applause!
- SBC Professor of Art History Aileen Laing '57, offers congratulations.

Photos by David Abrams, Little Pond Productions



SLATE FOR NEW ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

The slate shall be approved by the Board at its spring meeting, and upon approval will be published in the Alumnae Magazine. If no further nominations are received within two weeks, the slate shall be considered elected by consent. If additional nominations are received, the selection of the candidates will rest with the Executive Committee of the Alumnae Association.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

JUDITH (JUDI) BENSEN STIGLE '67, MADISON, CT

- ★ Part-time retail sales
- ★ Alumnae Board Region I Chair '95-'97
- ★ Class Secretary 20+ years; current Class President
- ★ Republican Town Committee 15 years; Board of Visiting Nurse Association



ACADEMIC OUTREACH

CECILIA A. MOORE '88, DAYTON, OH

- ★ M.A., Religious Studies '91, UVA; Ph. D. '96, UVA
- ★ Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of Dayton
- ★ SBC Diversity Visiting Committee, '97-'98
- ★ Publication: "To Be of Some Good to Ourselves and Everybody Else: The Cardinal Gibbons Institute, 1924-1934", *U.S. Catholic Historian*, July '98



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

LINDA DE VOGT '86, RICHMOND, VA

- ★ Sales Analyst, Trigon Health Services, Inc.
- ★ President, Richmond SB Club '96-'98
- ★ AAR Newsletter Editor, Richmond Club, '91-'95
- ★ READ Center '95-present: Adult Literacy Tutor; Junior League



REGION I CHAIR

ADELAIDE ESHBACH '78, BOSTON, MA

- ★ J.D. degree, Suffolk University Law School, Boston
- ★ Director of Professional Development, Goodwin, Proctor & Hoar
- ★ SBC Friends of Art Board
- ★ Former President, Boston SB Club



SECRETARY/TREASURER

DIANE DALTON '67, MILWAUKEE, WI

- ★ M.A. in Theater, Case Western Reserve U.
- ★ Board Member, Volunteer Center of Milwaukee
- ★ General Manager, Milwaukee Repertory Theater
- ★ Fundraising for the arts; special event fundraising



REGION III CHAIR

VIRGINIA (V.M.) DEL GRECO GALGANO '64, HARRISONBURG, VA

- ★ M.Ed., Mathematics, UVA '68
- ★ Mathematics Teacher, Harrisonburg High School, '89-present
- ★ Teacher, James Madison University, '89-present
- ★ AAUW member, officer '84-present; Church Lay Minister, '74-present



REGION IV CHAIR

ASHLEY WILSON BROOK '79, RALEIGH, NC

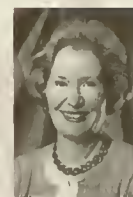
- ★ Full-time mother
- ★ President, SB Triangle Club, '94-present
- ★ Class Fund Agent '94-'97
- ★ Sustainer, Raleigh Junior League



BOXWOOD CIRCLE CO-CHAIR

ELIZABETH (BETSY) SMITH WHITE '59, CHARLOTTE, NC

- ★ SBC Board of Directors
- ★ Former Alumnae Board Chair of Region III
- ★ Board of Visitors, Warren Wilson College
- ★ Chair of Charlotte Community Campaign, The Campaign for Sweet Briar College '93-'94



REGION V CHAIR

LUCY DARBY COLE '78, TAMPA, FL

- ★ MBA, U. of GA, '82
- ★ Retired from professional life due to health
- ★ Alumnae Board Chair, Region V, '91-'93
- ★ Class Fund Agent '93-'98; Dallas SB Club President '88-'91



BOXWOOD CIRCLE CO-CHAIR

LOCHRANE COLEMAN SMITH '76, BIRMINGHAM, AL

- ★ Account Executive, Southern Engraving, Birmingham
- ★ National Reunion Gifts Chair '97-'98
- ★ Class of 1976 Reunion Gifts Co-Chair, 10th and 20th Reunions
- ★ Board Secretary, Birmingham Music Guild '98-'99



REGION VI CHAIR

ELIZABETH (BETSY) BUTLER '91, COLUMBUS, OH

- ★ M.A., Journalism, Ohio State U., '93
- ★ Manager of Public Relations, Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus
- ★ Recipient, *Business First's* Forty Under Forty Award, '97
- ★ Alumnae Board Member-At-Large, '91-'93



NATIONAL REUNION GIFTS CHAIR-ELECT

DOROTHY (DOTSIE) WOODS McLEOD '58, NASHVILLE, TN

- ★ Former member, SBC Board of Directors
- ★ Former Alumnae Board First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Region VIII Chair
- ★ AAR since '67
- ★ Charter member of Williams Associates



REGION VII CHAIR

Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn '77, Winnetka, IL

- ★ J.D., Loyola U. of Chicago School of Law, '80
- ★ Attorney/General Counsel, Chicago Underwriting Group, Inc.
- ★ Secretary/Treasurer, Chicago SB Club '90-present
- ★ Class President '92-present



MEMBER-AT-LARGE

GRETCHEN GRAYLY '98, HILLSVILLE, VA
(Elected by Class of 1998)

- ★ Double major: psychology/religion + certificate, business management
- ★ Chair, Honor Court (Judic)
- ★ Jr. year at St. Andrews, Scotland
- ★ *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*



ALUMNAE FUND CHAIR

NORMA PATTESON MILLS '60, CHATTANOOGA, TN

- ★ SBC Board of Directors
- ★ Chair, Class of 1960's 30th Reunion Gifts Committee, '89-'90
- ★ Board of Trustees, AIM Center of Chattanooga (psycho-social center for the mentally ill)
- ★ Honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree, University of the South, '97





Sweet Briar's 89th Commencement Celebrates 139 "El Niño" Graduates

One hundred and thirty-nine seniors received diplomas during a steadily-falling rain on Sunday, May 24. Move inside? No indeed! The rain dampened everything but the Class of 1998's spirit—which was buoyant!

EXCERPTS FROM COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Michela English '71

Commencement speaker Michela English '71, president of Discovery Enterprises Worldwide, noted that "...my four years at Sweet Briar had very much the effect that was intended. They made me think, challenge myself and others, and they helped me gain confidence and become independent."

Remembering her own graduation, she said, "At the time, I was convinced that age 21 was the one key decision point in life—that whatever choice you made then would absolutely determine the course of the rest of your life. That day in May 1971, I was ecstatic to be graduating and eager to get on with things, but petrified that I was about to blow this one key decision point.

"The reality is: *life is a series of decision points*. There's no point in hyperventilating over this one, you'll have plenty more to grapple with. Maybe some people really do have a linear career path with the first stop after college leading clearly to a logical progression of stages, but I suspect just as many have a series of experiences that are seemingly unconnected but that,

when taken together, form a different kind of career path. I'm in that latter group... after Sweet Briar, I spent six years working—first as a child welfare worker, later as a federal employee in the energy field. (The energy job came through a Sweet Briar classmate, I might add.)

"...Attending the Yale School of Management six years after Sweet Briar was a real shock to the system. I had managed to avoid math since 10th grade. I paid dearly for that during my first term where I truly struggled with both accounting and quantitative methods. But the leadership and problem-solving skills I had gained both at Sweet Briar and by working served me well...

"...After Yale, I was fortunate to have great career choices—first as a consultant at McKinsey & Company, which is a world-class firm that invests heavily in its people, and later at Marriott Corporation. Consulting work with media companies and business experience with Marriott led to senior executive positions with the National Geographic Society and now with Discovery Communications, which operates the Discovery Channel and several other international television networks, as well as other consumer, internet, and retail businesses. Each of these positions has built upon virtually everything I've done before—whether it's the liberal arts base and student government experience at Sweet Briar, analytical and team management skills from Yale, or the work ethic and strong value system of my parents.

"...My second dose of reality: *life is cumulative and you can't always write the script*. It's critical that you take responsibility for your life, but it's just as important that you be

prepared to roll with the punches because they will certainly come. I don't believe that there is any such thing as a 'charmed life.' I think people create their own opportunities, and I'm here to tell you that there will be dark days along with the sunshine. Just be prepared to regroup, move on, and wherever possible try to see opportunity where others see trouble.

"...I am extremely fortunate to have a terrific family—a husband who loves me, who is also my best friend and strongest supporter (and a great cook), and two wonderful kids, aged 13 and 10. I got into the family thing later than many people—married at 31, had children at 34 and 37. Many people do that earlier, some do it later, and a number choose not to marry or have a family. These are highly individual choices and there's no blueprint for success. What is right for one person may not be right for someone else.

"...My third and final lesson in reality: *trust and have confidence in yourself, but recognize your interdependence with others.* If my husband and I can impart one thing to our kids, this is what I hope it will be... I really believe that in both personal and professional relationships, your success will be directly related to both the degree of self-confidence you have and the extent to which you trust other people. As you graduate from college, I am sure that you each have a fairly good handle on understanding yourself. But the process of defining yourself never stops. Teenagers and young adults are notoriously self-



The Class of 1998 decorated the door of the Alumnae House with a sign reading: "How Sweet It Is To Be Alumnae!!" - The Senior Class: (l-r) Kimberly Osborne, Charlotte Rognmo, and T.C. Weisman.

absorbed and self-critical. Within the past month, I read excerpts in *The Washington Post* of a recent teenage poll in which only 39% of girls and 54% of boys felt 'very positive' about themselves. I want all of you to feel 'very positive' about yourselves.

"I want to leave you with one final thought. Based on my experience, having a successful life is a balancing act between taking charge of your destiny and pursuing every opportunity with a vengeance, on the one hand, and being realistic and able to respond to unforeseen challenges on the other. There is clearly a place for dreams in all this, and many times dreams do become reality. I work in a company started by a man from a modest background who had a dream that you could make high-quality, educational television a commercial success. It took him at least

five years to convince anyone that his dream made sense. Now Discovery Communications is a great success story.

"'Reality Rules' is a slogan we use at Discovery, since all of our television programming and other businesses focus on the real world, rather than fantasy or fictional entertainment. Each of you has a great opportunity to shape your particular reality in a way that is best for you. It won't always be easy, but it will be challenging and fun. I wish you all the very best."

COMMENCEMENT HONORS

THE EMILIE WATTS McVEA SCHOLAR

The highest-ranking member of the Class of 1998.

Joanna Jill Kucinski, Virginia Beach, VA

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALISTS

The Presidential Medal recognizes seniors who have a range of accomplishments comparable to those associated with candidates for Rhodes, Marshall, or Truman Scholarships. These seniors must have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement.

Kristy Ellen Winstead, Louisville, KY

Catherine Carrington Zahm, Cartersville, GA

THE PENELOPE LANE CZARRA AWARD

This award honors the senior who best combines scholastic achievement, student leadership, and effective contributions to the quality of life at the College.

Charlotte Jeannine Rognmo,
Nicholasville, KY

THE CONNIE M. GUION AWARD

This is given to a senior for her excellence as a human being and as a member of the College.

Anne-Claire Lorraine Wackenhut,
Huntsville, AL

THE WALKER FAMILY AWARD

This award honors a senior with high scholastic standing who has a cheerful, positive disposition and shows warmth, generosity, and humility.

Virginia White Blair, TP, Amherst, VA
Cynthia Michelle Bumgardner,
Chattanooga, TN

THE LAWRENCE G. NELSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH

Crayton Nichols Benson, Nashville, TN
Evah Kathleen Pottmeyer, Murfreesboro, PA
Caroline Berry Sinkinson, Akron, OH

THE JAMES LEWIS HOWE AWARD IN CHEMISTRY

Amanda Dawn Kottke, Dallas, WI

THE JUDITH MOLINAR ELKINS PRIZE

The family of the late Professor Judith Elkins has established a prize to recognize the outstanding achievements of a senior majoring in the mathematical, physical, or biological sciences, while actively participating in the College community and demonstrating the ideals and dedication to learning exemplified by the life of Professor Elkins.

Emily Quinn Virkus, Sandy Spring, MD

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMICS

Carolyn Pyle Weisman, Knoxville, TN

THE LEIGH WOOLVERTON PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE VISUAL ARTS

Mary Lea Martin, Arlington, VA

THE PAULINE ROBERTS OTIS AWARD IN FRENCH

Kelly Lynne Bowman, Pescadero, CA

THE MARCIA CAPRON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FRENCH

Astrid Marguerite Bybee Liverman,
Richmond, VA; Mother: Joan Hulley
Liverman '64

THE ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA AWARD

Joanna Jill Kucinski, Virginia Beach, VA

THE JESSICA STEINBRENNER MOLLOY AWARD IN THEATRE

Melissa Ann Coffey, Madison Heights, VA

THE ANNE GARY PANNELE TAYLOR AWARD IN HISTORY

Joanna Jill Kucinski, Virginia Beach, VA

THE ANNE GARY PANNELL TAYLOR GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN HISTORY

Joanna Jill Kucinski, Virginia Beach, VA

THE MARTHA VON BRIESEN PRIZE IN PHOTOGRAPHY

Abbie Baker McCammon, Lincoln
University, PA

THE W. EDWARD OVERLY AWARD IN SPANISH

Katherine Ann Rinehart, Bend, OR

THE MAXINE GARNER PRIZE IN RELIGION

Gretchen Gail Gravelly, Hillsville, VA

THE JEAN BESSELIEVRE BOLEY AWARD

Melia Faith Childress, Carmel, CA

THE KATHRYN HAW PRIZE IN ART HISTORY

Stacy Lee Sharpes, Marlinton, WV

THE SWEET BRIAR FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Catherine Carrington Zahm, Cartersville, GA

THE LUCILE BARROW TURNER AWARD

Melissa Anne Rothwell, Darlington, MD

PHI BETA KAPPA 1998

Stephanie Heather Belk, Durham, NC
Crayton Nichols Benson, Nashville, TN
Kelly Lynne Bowman, Pescadero, CA
Joanne Elizabeth Hopkins, Springfield, VA
Rong Jiang, Shanghai, China
Joanna Jill Kucinski, Virginia Beach, VA



Samantha Brodlieb;
sister Jennifer Brodlieb '92



Turning Point Graduates: Joyce Giles, left, graduated with her sister,
Hazel Diggs, right, along with Virginia Blair, center.



Adair Collins;
sister Anita Ann Collins '96

Class of 1998 Alumnae Relatives and Turning Points



Astrid Liverman;
mother Joan Hulley Liverman '64



Alyssa Spissa;
mother Joan Hobbs Spissa '72



Catherine Thomas;
cousin Megan Thomas '01



Serena Putegnat;
sister Tara Putegnat '00

Carolyn Marie Leddy, Monroe, NY
Astrid Marguerite Bybee Liverman,
Richmond, VA; Mother: Joan Hulley
Liverman '64
Jennifer Rosemary Ober, Deridder, LA
Evah Kathleen Pottmeyer, Murrysville, PA
Katherine Ann Rinehart, Bend, OR
Charlotte Jeannine Rognmoe,
Nicholasville, KY
Stacy Lee Sharpes, Marlinton, WV
Laurel Amber Shay, Fellowsville, WV
Caroline Berry Sinkinson, Akron, OH
Emily Quinn Virkus, Sandy Spring, MD
Anne-Claire Lorraine Wackenhut,
Huntsville, AL
Kristy Ellen Winstead, Louisville, KY
Catherine Carrington Zahn, Catersville, GA

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Stephanie Heather Belk, BS, Durham, NC
Rong Jiang, BS, Shanghai, China
Joanne Jill Kucinski, AB, Virginia Beach, VA

Astrid Marguerite Bybee Liverman, AB,
Richmond, VA; Mother: Joan Hulley
Liverman '64
Kathleen Ann Rinehart, AB, Bend, OR
Stacy Lee Sharpes, AB, Marlinton, WV
Caroline Berry Sinkinson, AB, Akron, OH
Emily Quinn Virkus, BS, Sandy Spring, MD
Anne-Claire Lorraine Wackenhut, AB,
Huntsville, AL
Kristy Ellen Winstead, BS, Louisville, KY

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Crayton Nichols Benson, AB, Nashville, TN
Virginia White Blair, TP, AB, Amherst, VA
Dana Lee Bordvick, AB, Walnut Creek, CA
Kelly Lynne Bowman, AB, Pescadero, CA
Cynthia Michelle Bumgardner, AB,
Chattanooga, TN
Melissa Ann Cotley, AB, Madison Heights, VA
Adair Fletcher Collins, AB, Richmond, VA;
Sister: Anita Collins '96
Angela Dawn Elliott, AB, Richmond, VA

Laura Louise Fitton, AB, Hopewell, NJ
Casey Elizabeth Gallaher, AB, Greenville, SC
Ashlyn Shay Goosens, AB, Fairfax, VA
Tonya Nicole Grudier, AB, Byesville, OH
Joanne Elizabeth Hopkins, BS, Springfield, VA
Diana Sue Jordan, AB, Chaplin, KY
Amanda Dawn Kottke, BS, Dallas, WI
Carolyn Marie Leddy, AB, Monroe, NY
Mary Lea Martin, AB, Arlington, VA
Jennifer Rosemary Ober, AB, Deridder, LA
Evah Kathleen Pottmeyer, AB, Murrysville, PA
Charlotte Jeannine Rognmoe, AB,
Nicholasville, KY
Melissa Anne Rothwell, AB, Darlington, MD
Laurel Amber Shay, AB, Fellowsville, WV
Erin Ann Wortley, BS, Big Island, VA
Catherine Carrington Zahn, AB,
Catersville, GA

CUM LAUDE

Amber L. Blow, AB, Lithia Springs, GA
Melia Faith Childress, AB, Carmel, CA

Page Darney, AB, Cumberland, PA
Tara Danielle Feyerherd, AB, Montpelier, VA
Pamela Elizabeth Fine, AB, Brookeville, MD
Karin Cyilin Fung, AB, Laredo, TX
Mary Ann Gheen, AB, Warrenton, VA
Cynthia Janine Hague, AB, Arcadia, OH
Courtney Jean Hayes, BS, College Station, TX
Charlotte Adele Higgins, BS, Topeka, KS
Susan Alexandra Holman, AB, Atlanta, GA
Kim Elizabeth Izquierdo, AB, Riverdale, NY
Katherine Jean Martin, AB, Oskaloosa, IA
Anna Katherine Meres, BS, Norridgewock, ME
Laura J Michaels, AB, Sweet Briar, VA
Kindle Lane Samuel, BS, Baltimore, MD
Andrea Leigh Sheetz, AB, Chester, VA
Shazia Atisha Siddiqi, AB, Lucknow, India
Amanda Beth Stroupe, BS, Princeton, WV
Heather Ashley Thomas, BS, Columbia, SC
Marnie Jennifer Tokaruk, AB, Brantford,
Ontario, Canada
Carolyn Pyle Weiseman, AB, Knoxville, TN

THE HONORS PROGRAM, CLASS OF 1998 High Honors in Women and Gender Studies

Karen Joan Bender, Freehold, NY
**Honors Degree with Highest Honors in
Biology**
Stephanie Heather Belk, Durham, NC
**Honors Degree with Honors in
Anthropology**
Kelly Lynne Bowman, Pescadero, CA
Honors Degree with High Honors in English
Adair Fletcher Collins, Richmond, VA
**Honors Degree with High Honors in Bio/
Chem and Molecular Biology**
Amanda Dawn Kottke, Dallas, WI
**Honors Degree with Highest Honors in
History**
Joanna Jill Kucinski, Virginia Beach, VA
Honors Graduates
Crayton Nichols Benson, Nashville, TN
Heather Ashley Thomas, Columbia, SC
Marnie Jennifer Tokaruk, Brantford, Ontario,
Canada

SWEET BRIAR ALUMNAE IN THE SPOTLIGHT



L-r: Elkin Cushman; Judy Currie. See back cover for open box of Word Chocolates.

LITERATE SWEETS FROM TWO SWEET BRIAR ALUMNAE

New York, NY—It's new. It's smart. It's delicious. And it is rapidly becoming a big hit. It's Word Chocolate™, Swiss chocolate letters that spell greetings in festive boxes.

Sweet Briar classmates **Judy Currie '92** and **Elkin Cushman '92** are the creators of Word Chocolate. The two entrepreneurs, who now live in

New York City, have been friends since their chocolate-loving childhoods in Atlanta, GA and their days at Sweet Briar.

Word Chocolate launched at the Atlanta International Gift Show, where it received rave reviews. Shortly thereafter, in New York City at the Premium Incentive Show, it again proved to be a big hit. Barney's New York, the ultra-fashionable emporium, was taken with the elegantly-boxed chocolates and immediately included them in their corporate gift giving catalog.

Word Chocolate gifts, spelling such messages as Many Thanks, Bon Voyage, Job Well Done, and Welcome Home, among many others, are being presented by major corporations to valued clients, by charities to donors, by Broadway producers to investors, by cruise lines to passengers, and by realtors to new home owners and new office tenants. With Elkin and Judy's help, companies and individuals can craft custom chocolate sentiments, perfect for special events. Each colorfully labeled and beribboned box is shipped within a day after the order is received.

"Since starting the company, we have been delighted with the whirlwind of success and are now gearing up for the large orders of the holiday season, while keeping pace with the constant stream of weddings, birthdays, and anniversaries," said Judy, who thought of the concept for Word Chocolate while working as a teacher in Harlem. She taught young students spelling by using chocolates she decorated with letters. "The chocolate became a reward for learning," she said.

"In addition to 21 prepackaged sentiments, we also customize by spelling company names and slogans, bride and groom names, the names of newborns, even marriage proposals," said Elkin. "People love that they can spell out whatever they want in chocolate."

Word Chocolate donates a portion of its profits to Reading Is Fundamental® (RIF). To further promote their commitment to literacy, Judy and Elkin will sponsor a unique contest in the fall: "Eat your words! Chocolate Spelling Contest." It will be for various grade levels of elementary school children. The winners will receive boxes of winning words in chocolate and an additional donation to RIF will be made in the name of the contest winner.

Elkin and Judy believe that Word Chocolate is the perfect alternative to sending flowers or a greeting card. If you would like to spell your sweet sentiments in chocolate, call Word Chocolate at 1-888-Go-4-Word or 212-580-0391. Web address: www.eatyourwords.com.

Ed. Note: Fran Griffith Laserson '70, NYC, recently wrote: "I hosted a reception for President Muhlenfeld and the New York alumnae recently. Judy brought me a box of Word Chocolate spelling out 'Sweet Briar.' Now that's the thinking of a clever marketer! I placed an order the next week for my daughter's graduation party and delighted her friends, who thought the personalized chocolate Congratulations were 'awesome'."

Photos by David Abrams, Little Pond, Inc.



Above: Katharine Collins and President Muhlenfeld look at the Chesnut cookbook. Left A

page of Mary Boykin Chesnut's cookbook with hand-written directions for making "dressing for Cabbage," and "Caramels."

GREAT-GREAT-GREAT NIECE OF MARY BOYKIN CHESNUT (KATHARINE BLACKFORD COLLINS '63) MEETS CHESNUT BIOGRAPHER (SBC PRESIDENT ELISABETH MUHLENFELD) AT REUNION 1998

Early in May, President Muhlenfeld received a very exciting e-mail message which read, "By way of introduction, I am secretary of the Class of 1963 and look forward to attending Reunion later this month, and meeting you.

"I am the great-great-great niece of Mary Boykin Chesnut, and therefore an ardent member of your literary fan club.

Sarsfield [AL], August 30, 1886, the day before the earthquake. I had the great privilege of living near my great-grandmother and knowing her until I was about 12, and she began to drift into her own world. She died in 1954, when I was 13.

"Among the treasures handed down to me through my grandmother Mary Kirkpatrick Crawford and my mother Katharine Crawford Blackford is a little notebook belonging to Mary Chesnut. It contains notations of household accounts, and a few hand-written recipes. But it contains mostly recipes collected from the News and Courier.

"I would like to show it to you, and perhaps get some advice about what I might do with it. As a writer myself (if you count newspaper reporting), I dream of publishing Mary Chesnut's cookbook!"

Katharine and Betsy Muhlenfeld did indeed meet, during the Friday of Reunion, to talk of Mary Boykin Chesnut. We hope to hear before the next '63 Reunion that her cookbook has been published!

Ed. Note: Katharine tells us that other relatives of Mary Boykin Chesnut include Alice Mighell Foster '65 of Winston-Salem, NC; Alice's mother, Alice Williams Mighell Glover '42 of Mobile, AL; and Mary Deas Boykin Wortley '64 of Middletown, OH. Katharine entered SBC from Birmingham, AL; she now lives in Rock Springs, WY.

"My great-grandmother, namesake, and godmother was Katharine Williams Kirkpatrick (My maiden name was Katharine Kirkpatrick Blackford). She and her husband joined the westward migration only as far as Alabama at the turn of the century. My grandmother Mary Kirkpatrick Crawford was born at



JAMIE PLANCK MARTIN '81 MAKES *BUSINESS JOURNAL'S* TOP 40

1997 TOP 40 UNDER 40
A SALUTE TO MISSISSIPPI'S MOST
OUTSTANDING YOUNG BUSINESS PEOPLE

*Excerpted with permission from the
January 1997 Mississippi Business
Journal, Jackson, MS*

From a very early age, Jamie Planck Martin saw the rewards of hard work and dedication. Her father, the owner of a very successful business, and her mother, who held a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University, challenged her to excel. They believed in working hard, facing challenges and being able to take care of yourself. Looking at the overwhelming success Martin has achieved, it becomes quite clear that she learned well from her parents' example.

As one of Mississippi's most outstanding young attorneys and a partner in the largest law firm in the state, Martin, 37, has shown that character, integrity,

commitment and community involvement are critical to professional success. The Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Sweet Briar College and the Vanderbilt University School of Law is active in New Stage Theatre, serving as chairman of patrons, and is a founding member of the Mississippi Women's Forum. She is also active in many professional organizations, including the American Bar Association, the state bar associations of Mississippi, Georgia and Massachusetts, the Hinds County Bar Association and the Jackson Young Lawyers, as well as being a member of First Baptist Church in Jackson. Recently, Martin was appointed to the Mississippi Secretary of State's Business Law Advisory Group.

"The advantage of being a business attorney is that I get to deal with many different businesses and people. Dealing with such a diverse group, I'm able to have a broad perspective on what is going on in business today. Every day, I have opportunities to meet with the great business thinkers of the state and region," she explained. "I also enjoy putting transactions together. I feel I'm doing something positive—making progress—instead of simply settling disputes."

How does Martin bring balance to her life? "My husband helps with our three children. He's very supportive of me because he knows that what I'm doing is just as important as what he does. And together, we'll find a way," she said.



BETSY BUTLER '91 NAMED TO BUSINESS FIRST NEWSPAPER'S "FORTY UNDER 40" LIST, SEPTEMBER 1997

HONORED FOR PROFESSIONAL SUCCESSSES
AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Manager of Public Relations, Bricker & Eckler LLP

Colleges: Sweet Briar College; master's degree from Ohio State University.

Accomplishments: In 1993, turned a project for her master's degree into reality by creating the public relations department for Bricker & Eckler, the third-largest law firm in Columbus. Organized and produced a series of commemorative activities for the firm's 50th anniversary in 1994. Was a guest lecturer on law-firm public relations for Ohio State University chapter of PRSSA in February 1996.

Community contributions: Served on the Museum Ball and Art Auction Promotion and Ticket Sales Committee for the Columbus Museum of Art and on the steering committee of the LifeCare Alliance Centennial Committee, where she will manage public relations during its centennial conference next year. Member of the National Law Firm Marketers Association; participant, Association for Women in Communications and member of the Profiles committee for the Public Relations Society of America; Friends of Dresden and Columbus Damenchor member; ProMusica Chamber Orchestra Sustaining Board member; key alumna/area alumnae admissions representative for Sweet Briar College.

TWO SWEET BRIAR ALUMNAE AMONG 1998 GOVERNORS FELLOWS

Amy Leigh Campbell '97 and Susan Margaret Barney '98, both of Madison Heights, VA, served as Governors Fellows in Virginia's capital this past summer (May 28-July 24).

The purpose of the Governors Fellows Program is to encourage careers in public service; participants are chosen by the governor. Amy did her fellowship in the secretary of education's office. Susan was in the first lady's office.



L-r: Amy Campbell; Roxanne Gilmore, wife of Virginia governor James Gilmore; Susan Barney. Photo taken at a luncheon in the Governor's Mansion, Richmond.

AUTHORS! AUTHORS!

Poets, novelists, historians, short story writers, magazine freelancers, photo journalists—everyone out there publishing—let us know of your recent successes!

The magazine will add a regular once-a-year listing of alumnae authors, beginning with the winter or spring '99 issue.

Reunion 1998 Scrapbook

The bright, breezy, balmy, beautiful weekend began Friday with afternoon open houses, demonstrations ("Getting Wired: The ABCs of developing your internet presence") and evening class picnics. From then on—nonstop activities of all kinds for the 600+ attendees. As well as a return to campus for alumnae, it was a family weekend: the largest-ever group of children, from toddlers to teens, enjoyed an expanded program ranging from fun and games to hikes/nature walks and serious-but-fun learning opportunities. One small alumna daughter promised on Sunday, "I'll be back in 11 months!" We hope so—and also in about 10 years, to follow the path to alumnahood!

Note:

- RGC = Reunion Gifts Chair
- All photo captions read l-r.
- Photo coverage by David Abrams, Little Pond Productions, unless otherwise noted.



Clockwise from top right: Lochrone Coleman Smith '76, National Reunion Gifts Chair, welcomes crowd to Convocation. Picnickers of all ages gather in the Quad for great food and catching up with friends.



Clockwise from top right: During the weekend the children enjoyed snowcones, a hayride, popcorn, cotton candy and face painting, and "Getting Wired."

Reunion 1998 Scrapbook

\$285,925



Above, left: The 50th Class of 1948, wearing medallions with their Briar Patch photos, returned 46-strong + 18 husbands. Song leader Harriotte Bland Beckwith led them in "Oh, Evalú" and "Sitting on the Golden Stairs"; Class President Eleanor Potts (Pottsie) Snodgrass remarked that "There are 3 ages of women: Youth, Middle Age, and You Have Not Changed!" Above, right: 1948 officers Pottsie Snodgrass; Martha Clement and Peggy Sheffield Martin, RG Co-Chairs; Anne Ryland Ricks Griffin, Martha Davis Barnes, and Meon Bower Harrison, Fund Agents; Maddin Lupton McCallie, Secretary. Inset: Martha Mansfield Clement, and Pottsie Snodgrass receive Burton Award from President Muhlenfeld. Top of page: 1948 walked away with it all, winning the Nancy Dawd Burton Award for a record-breaking Reunion gift of \$285,925, and 90% participation! They received standing ovations for both.



Above, left: Eleven 1943s, back for a happy 55th, won applause for 70% participation in Reunion gift of \$51,420. Above, right: The 45th Class of 1953 picnicked at the home of classmate Dale Hutter Harris Friday night. With 27 + 17 husbands, they had a festive time. Class gift, \$69,565, 58% participation. 1953, through an anonymous challenge, also increased the number of Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates in the class from 3 to 18! Inset: 1953 officers: Katzy Bailey Nager, Ginnie Hudson Toane, RG Co-Chairs; Lisbeth Gibson Brooks, President.



Above: 1958 celebrated 40th with 17 classmates, 2 husbands. Noting that they "are not a rich class, but rich in spirit," their gift was \$37,926, 52% participation. The class also gave a Monet painting to the SBC Galleries in memory of classmate Caroline Sauls Shaw. Above: Sarah "Alix" Alexander '93, Jane Shipman Kuntz '58, and Audrey Lahman Rosselot '48 enjoy Daisy's Garden.

Reunion 1998 Scrapbook



Above: Artist Ann Carter Brothers '63 shows her pointing to classmates Nancy McDowell; Anne Leavell Reynolds; Kathleen "Punch" Harris Wray in Pannell Gallery.



Above: 35th Reunioners had a marvelous time, start to finish! The Class of '63 (30 + 4 husbands) brought gift of \$63,431, 50% participation. Inset: 1963 officers, Kotharine Blackford Collins, Secretary; Nancy Dixon Brown, Fund Agent; Betty Stonly Cates, President; Allie Stemmons Simon, RGC.



Above: 1968-Fourteen + 4 husbands came for 30th. RGC Lynne Gardner Detmer announced that part of their gift (\$39,720, 38% participation) was given as "seed money" for the new admissions video, in honor of the late Tom Baldwin & Nancy Godwin Baldwin '57, their "enthusiastic class sponsors." Nancy was admissions director, 1965-1980. Inset: 1968 officers: Lynne Gardner Detmer, RGC; Percy Clarke Gwinn, President.



Above: 1968 Reunioners with sponsor, Top: Jim Detmer; Ann Petersen Griffin; Mary King Craddock. 2nd row: Percy Clarke Gwinn; Amanda de Coligny; Lynne Gardner Detmer; Suzanne Little; Nancy Godwin Baldwin '57, class sponsor; Jennie Lyons Fogarty; Mary Gress. Front, seated: Susan Hill Glick; Martha Bennett Pritchett; Sandy Waters.



Above: 1973-(37 alumnae + 5 husbands) enjoyed 25th Reunion picnic at the Boat House-bringing back memories! Really-graduation was "only yesterday." Gift: \$18,812 (29% participation). Inset: 1973 officers at podium: Weezie Blakeslee Gilpin, RGC; Kathleen Cochran Schutze, President.



Above: Sundays Planned Giving Seminar: Speaker Bronna Wills, Vice President and Trust Officer, Crestar Bank; Nannette McBurney Crowder '57, Planned Giving Chair

Photo by Mary Baldwin '56C

Reunion 1998 Scrapbook



Above, left: 1978's 20th brought the most back: 49 + 19 husbands. Wearing green caps with pink SBC logo, they described themselves as "a motley crew," and admitted to "cruising the Bistro" the night before. They won the Participation Award for classes celebrating 5th-20th Reunions (40%), gave \$30,684. Above, right: 1978ers relax in Book Shop: Wendy Igleheart; Jane Lauderdale Armstrong; Jean Beard Barden; Dorothy Lear Mooney; Cynthia Whitley Auman; Leigh Ramsey Simmons; Cecilia Garcia-Tunon Lea. Inset: 1978 officers: Back row: Mary Page Stewart, Connie Cryslar Shafer, Co-Secretaries; Dorothy Lear Mooney, President; Kathy Jackson Howe, RGC; Front: Lucy Darby Cole, Fund Agent.



Above: Walking tour led by Amber Bennett Moncure '91, Visiting Professor, Anthropology, after her Alumnae College presentation, "Digging at Sweet Briar Plantation."



Above: The Class of 1983 (25 + 14 husbands) gave special thanks to "the faculty, staff and administration for all they do to make this institution excellent." Their gift: \$19,008, 29% participation. Inset: 1983 officers: Virginia Claus Buyck, Ellen Clare Gillespie Dreyer, RG Co-Chairs; Mary Pope Hutson Waring, President.



Above: The Class of 1988 for its 10th sang "Holla Holla Holla" to SBC; crowd of 38 + 18 husbands. Gift of \$12,018, 25% participation. Inset: 1988 officers: Cameron Cox Hirtz, Fund Agent; Kelly Meredith Iacabelli, Co-President, RG Co-Chair; Stephanie Cox McCoy, Fund Agent; Stacy Sickels Heckel, Co-President, RG Co-Chair



Above: Carolyn Bates shows portrait of Elijah Fletcher to Frances Gregg Petersmeyer & Clare Eager Matthai, both '43, & Kathryn Spencer Pixley '63, during SB House tour.

Reunion 1998 Scrapbook



Above: The Class of 1993 (38 + 13 husbands), littlest kids on the block, proudly announced exceeding gift goal at the Bistro Bop Friday night! Gift: \$4,076. 30% participation.
Inset: 1993 officers: Marissa Ashe Cole, Secretary; Ellen Ober, President; Beth Gilkesan, RGC.



Above: There was even a Ring Game on Saturday night! Colleen Lasey '93 removes her ring from the string



Above, left: Decorating for the big Mardi Gras night: Kerri Rawlings '97; Kim Izquierda '98; Isabel Parker; Susan Seitz '02. Above, right: They could have danced all night. Inset: Masks abound!



Above: Sunday after Memorial Chapel Service.



Above: Sunday Luncheon, Sweet Briar Gardens.

Photo by Nancy Davidson '06



*A
good time
was had
by all...*

- Fly costing.
- Walkers were everywhere, in groups or in twosomes.
- Just sitting is fun, too.
- Isabel Grayson Porish '53, husband Hovner in Alumnae Records Room, SB Museum
- It helps to have a lift!
- Good catch!



Mini Reunions



Richmond, VA, March 1998. (l-r, standing) Libby Trueheart Harris '49, Kitty Hart Belew '49, Betty Wellford Bennett '49, Margaret Towers Talman '49, Marie Musgrove McCrone '49. (l-r, seated) Maria Gregory Tabb '47, Caroline Casey McGehee '49, Nan Hart Stone '47.



Charleston, SC, March 1998: 1949 classmates in front of historic home of Mary ("Stevie") Stevens Webb: (l-r) Carter Van Deventer Slatery, Ellen Ramsay Clark, Stevie Stevens Webb.



1985 classmates gather in North Carolina, March 1998: (l-r) Ellen Raine Joyner, Sherry Booth Shanahan, Kama Boswell Kaudelka.



A surprise mini reunion in Kobe, Japan, January 1998: (l-r) Christina Benson '97, Jill Gavitt '97, Leslie Farinas '98.



Moaresville, NC, November 1997 luncheon before the wedding of Ginger Amon '94 to Tony White: (l-r, front row) Laura Underwood '93, Sabryna McClung '93, Ginger Amon, Amy Rass '94, Tracie Allen Webber '93, Stacey McClain '93. (l-r, back row) Greg Rabersan, George Underwood, Lee Webber, Bob Falwell.



Meeting of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America, Savannah, GA, October '97: Kneeling: Betsy Miller Saylor '55, Katharine Phinzy Mackie '51, Virginia Barran Summer '47. Standing: Mary Lib Vick Tharnhill '47, Jeanne Morrell Garlington '48, Betty Carswell Marris '55, Lucy Darby Cole '78, Nancy Dauthat Goss '55, Scattie Small Jahnsan '61, Julia Graves Martin '42, Florence Fitch Patton '52.

Alumnae Travel: Trips and Tips

"Austrian Winter Escapade"

FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 5, 1999

HISTORICAL READING

- Boyer, John W. *Culture and Political Crisis in Vienna: Christian Socialism in Power, 1987-1918*.
- Brook, Stephen. *Vanished Empire*.
- Crankshaw, Edward. *The Fall of the House of Hapsburg*.
- Davenport, Marcia. *Mozart*.
- Ingrao, Charles. *The Hapsburg Monarchy, 1618-1815*.
- Jelavich, Barbara. *Modern Austria: Empire and Republic, 1915-1986*.
- Spiel, Hilde. *Vienna's Golden Autumn*.
- Williamson, Samuel R. *Austria-Hungary and the Origins of the First World War (the Making of the 20th Century)*.

BACKGROUND READING

- Teklenborg, Bert. *A Pictorial Journey through Austria*.
- Mayer-Browne, Elisabeth. *Best of Austrian Cuisine*.
- Beer, Gretel. *Austrian Cooking*.

NOVELS

- Druckel, Peter F. *The Last of All Possible Worlds*.
- MacInnes, Helen. *The Salzburg Connection*.
- Meyer, Nicholas. *The Seven-Per-Cent Solution*.
- Roth, Joseph. *The Radetsky March*.
- Stone, Irving. *The Passions of the Wind*.

GUIDEBOOKS

- Many guidebooks are available at your library or local bookstore: Fodor, Frommer, Baedeker, Insight Guide, Lonely Planet, to name a few.

VIDEO

- *The Sound of Music*, CBS-FOX video, The Silver Anniversary Rodgers & Hammerstein edition (2 tapes).
- *Amadeus*, HBO video.

WEB SITES

- Austrian National Tourist Office, Vienna, www.austria-info.at
- Alpine Tourist Commission, www.alpseurope.org
- Vienna Tourist Board, info.wien.at/e/index.htm

- Salzburg State Board of Tourism, www.tcs.co.at/guide/
- Salzburg City Tourist Office, www.salzburginfo.or.at
- Austria Culture Net, www.austriaculture.net
- Classic Insites: Hall of Fame, www.classicalinsites.com/live/hallfame/masters/mozadisc.html
- The Mozart Site, www.jumpoint.com/bluesman/composer.html
- Mozart Compositions, www.efc.com.tr/lecagot/compositions.html
Download and listen to music bites from operas, symphonies and concertos by Mozart.

RECORDINGS

- Mozart, Symphonies Nos. 40 & 41, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, James Levine conducting, Gold Seal #09026-61397-2.
- Mozart, Piano Concertos Nos. 9 & 21, Alicia DeLarocha, piano, English Chamber Orchestra, Sir Colin Davis, conducting, Red Seal #60825-2-RC.
- Mozart, Piano Concertos Nos. 12 & 20, Evgeny Kissin, piano, Moscow Virtuosi, Vladimir Spivakov, conducting, Red Seal #0902660400-2.
- Mozart, Concerto for Flute, Harp and Orchestra (+ Sonatas), James Galway, flute; Marisa Robles, harp; London Symphony Orchestra, Michael Tilson Thomas, conducting.
- Concerto!
- Red Seal #09026-61789-2, Mozart, Violin Concertos Nos. 2, 3 & 5, Vladimir Spivakov, violin, Moscow Virtuosi.
- Red Seal #60152-2-RC, *The Sound of Music*, original soundtrack featuring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, Irwin Kostal, conducting.

"Enchanting Tahiti"

JANUARY 19-30, 1999

- Day, A. Grove, editor. *The Lure of Tahiti: An Armchair Companion* (Honolulu: Mutual Publishing Company, 1986).
Short stories of famous Pacific writers such as Melville, Michener, London, Gauguin, Bligh, and Cook.
- Gray, W.R. *Voyage to Paradise: Exploring in the Wake of Captain Cook* (Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society, 1981).
Readable account of Cook's voyages, lavishly illustrated in color. Covers entire Pacific, including Easter Island, the Marquesas, Tahiti.
- Hall, James, and Nordhoff, C.B. *Faery Lands of the South Seas* (New York: Garden City Publishing Co., 1921).
Brilliant South Seas flavor of Tahiti, Tuamotus, and Cook Islands. Out of print, but available at large public or university libraries.
- Howe, K.R., Kiste, Robert, and Lal, Brij., editors. *Tides of History: The Pacific Islands in the Twentieth Century*. (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1994.)
Innovative mixture of chronological, geographical, and thematic approaches; detailed history of the Pacific Islands in the 20th century, clear and readable style.
- Kay, Robert. *Tahiti and French Polynesia: A Travel Survival Kit* (Berkeley, CA: Lonely Planet Publications, 1985, first edition).
Good paperback introduction to the area.
- London, Jack. *South Sea Tales*.
Excellent anthology by one of the Pacific's best authors.

FIELD GUIDES

- Carwardine, Mark. *Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises: The Visual Guide to All the World's Cetaceans* (New York: Dorling Kindersley Publishing, Inc., 1995).
One of the best guides to marine mammals. Paperback.
- Harrison, Peter. *Seabirds: An Identification Guide* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co, 1983).
Paperback book for avid birders.
- Meyers, Robert F. *Micronesian Reef Fishes: A Practical Guide to the Identification of the Coral Reef Fishes of the Tropical Central and Western Pacific* (Barrigada, Guam: Coral Graphics, 1991).
Best overall guide to Pacific fish.

Club Corner

SWEET BRIAR, VA, JANUARY 1998

(NEAR RIGHT) Alumnae Forum on campus: "It's All About Tradition: How Tap Clubs Have Changed." Local alumnae were invited to talk with students about what tap clubs were like when they were students.

CHARLOTTE, NC, NOVEMBER 1997

(FAR RIGHT) Reception and exhibition of paintings by Jill Steenhuis '80 at the home of Nan Dabbs Loftin '81. Alumnae from Greensboro and Winston-Salem were also invited.



(l-r) Ann Marshall Whitley '47 (representing the Museum), Betty Frantz Roberts '40 (Paint & Patches), Betty Forsyth Harris '60 (Point & Patches), Jessica Bemis Ward '63 (Aints & Asses), Mino Walker Wood '62 (Bum Chums).



(l-r) Ginia Zenke '81, President, Greensboro Club; Nan Dabbs Loftin '81; Kerri Rawlings '97, SBC Alumnae Programs Coordinator; Jill Steenhuis.

RICHMOND, VA, DECEMBER 1997

SB Day luncheon with sisters Jane Reeb Chadwick '74 and Molly Reeb Nissman '77 speaking on "Investment Tips for Women."



(l-r, standing) Betty Wellford Bennett '49, Margaret Towers Tolmon '49, Adelaide Boze Glascock '40.
(l-r, seated) Molly Harris Jordan '62, Kitty Guerrant Fields '53, Grace Bugg Muller-Thym '42, Kitty Hort Belew '49.



(l-r) Molly Reeb Nissman, Jane Reeb Chadwick, Linda DeVogt '86, Club President; Dr. Mory Witt '74.

LYNCHBURG, VA, FEBRUARY 1998

Event at the Fine Arts Center where Sarah Kingsley '99 did a January Term internship.



(l-r) Sarah Kingsley '99, Shelbie Filson '91, and Katelyn Chmielinski '99.



(l-r) Lisa Wood Honcock '63 (Administrator at the Center), Sarah Kingsley '99, Shelbie Filson '91 (Performing Arts Coordinator at the Center).

Transitions



Mary Lou Merkt



Valdrie Walker



Patricia Taylor

NEW FACES

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mary Lou Merkt assumed her responsibilities as Sweet Briar's Vice President for Finance and Administration on January 1, 1997.

Mary Lou has an extensive and impressive background in finance, with experience in the design of strategic planning and budgeting processes and integration of information systems. She came to Sweet Briar from Radford University, where she served as Director of Internal Audit, Director of Financial Services, Assistant Vice President for Finance, and Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration.

Mary Lou's husband Bill is Senior Vice President for Strategic Planning at Carilion Health Systems in Roanoke, VA.

NEW DEAN FOR CO-CURRICULAR LIFE

Dr. Valdrie N. Walker began her duties as Sweet Briar's Dean of Co-Curricular Life (a position formerly called Dean of Students) in February, 1998. She is responsible for leadership in all areas of student life, including working closely with the Dean's Office to ensure the integration of student life programming into the College's academic life; residence life and housing; co-curricular programming; outdoor programming; student health and counseling services; and career services.

Before coming to Sweet Briar, Valdrie served as Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs and Director of the Transition Program in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Virginia. Her responsibilities entailed the coordination of student services, including academic with extra-curricular advising, and working closely with residential life. Directing the College Transition Program, she coordinated the advising services of 27 faculty members. She also held the rank of Assistant Professor at UVA, teaching a fourth-year thesis writing course. She has taught graduate-level courses in educational administration and supervision, and middle-school development.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in education from St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA, and a master of education degree in administration and supervision from UVA, where she also earned a doctorate in education leadership and policy.

Valdrie is a native of Nelson County, VA; she and her son Dumont, a ninth-grader at Nelson County High School, are building a home there.

NEW APPOINTMENT

NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Following an initial review of over 70 applications in a national search, the Associate Dean Search Advisory Committee considered a number of very promising

RECENT DEATHS

- 1921-Harriet Smith
Mrs. Chester M. Frey
March 25, 1997
- 1923-Rogene Boyles
Miss Rogene Boyles
March 31, 1995
- 1924-Esther Jack
Mrs. Emerson V. Arnold
March 1, 1998

- 1925-Louise Gibbon
Mrs. R. C. Carmichael
February 19, 1998

- 1925-Ruth Pratt
Mrs. Ruth P. Jones
October 21, 1997

- 1926-Ellen Newell
Mrs. W. Wright Bryan
June 1, 1998

- 1928-Sarah Everett
Mrs. Walter D. Toy, Jr.
November 16, 1997

- 1929-Eleanor Duvall
Mrs. James A. Spruill, Jr.
March 26, 1998

- 1930-Telia Barksdale
Mrs. Louis P. Bailey
April 21, 1998

- 1930-Mary Elizabeth Embrey
Mrs. Levin J. Houston III
January 22, 1997

- 1930-Alice Leigh
Mrs. Martin H. Caples
1995

- 1930-Agnes Sproul
Mrs. C. Edward Bush, Jr.
November 7, 1997

- 1931-Margaret Lee
Mrs. Glenn Thompson
March 14, 1998

- 1931-Gertrude Lewis
Mrs. Samuel D. Magavern
January 28, 1998

- 1932-Stuart Groner
Mrs. John A. Moreno
October 16, 1997

- 1932-Marion Malm
Mrs. W. MacDaniel Fowler
February 28, 1998

- 1933-Emily Denton
Mrs. Edward D. Tunis
March 9, 1998

- 1933-Mary Peters
Mrs. Karl Larsen
April 19, 1998

- 1933-Mildred Redmond
Mrs. Cornelius D. Vaughan
December 13, 1997

candidates and conducted campus interviews with three external candidates and one internal candidate, Professor of Spanish and Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs Alix Ingber. The Committee was proud to select Alix Ingber.

Obviously, Alix knows more about Sweet Briar than any outside candidate, but it is also true that in comparison to the other candidates, none could touch her grasp of the national issues at work today in liberal arts colleges. Her administrative experience in serving as the first director of Sweet Briar's Honors Program, as well as her two years in the Dean's Office, give her a clear understanding of our special concerns. Also, her focus on interdisciplinary interactions and the use of technology in the classroom will serve Sweet Briar well as we move toward implementing the College's Strategic Plan for the 21st century.

Alix joined the Dean's Office staff to help out in a time of transition; she came to value the importance of the holistic approach that working in the Dean's Office provides, and took a leadership role in shaping the Orientation program for new students to our academic purpose, and in strengthening our advising system.

Alix, the Search Advisory Committee's clear first choice, was appointed to a three-year term.

IN MEMORY OF...

DR. JUDITH MOLINAR ELKINS



It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Dr. Judith Elkins, who retired from Sweet Briar on July 1, 1997, as the

Charles A. Dana Professor of Mathematical Sciences.

Professor Elkins was a long-standing faculty member in the Mathematical Sciences Department at Sweet Briar, beginning her teaching career here in 1975 as Associate Professor of Mathematics. In 1979, she became Professor of Mathematical Sciences and also served her department as its chairman through the 1981 academic year. She was named the Charles A. Dana Professor of Mathematical Sciences in 1982.

Prior to coming to Sweet Briar, Professor Elkins was an Assistant Professor at Ohio State University (1968-1975); Assistant Professor, National Science Foundation Institute at Drew University (summer, 1968); Assistant Professor at Rutgers University (1967-1968); Assistant Professor at California State University, San Diego (1966-1967); and Instructor at Mount Holyoke College (1960-1963). She held a B.A. degree from Wellesley College; an M.A. from Harvard University; and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

Professor Elkins was the recipient of numerous grants and many awards in the Mathematical Sciences Department, including the prestigious William C. Lowry Award from the Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics. In 1978, she directed the Computer Conversion Project at Sweet Briar, under a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Additionally, she became a co-recipient of a substantial Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement grant from the National Science Foundation to fund a microcomputer laboratory. In 1986, Professor Elkins was the keynote speaker at Sweet Briar's Opening Convocation. The title of her speech was cleverly named "Compute, Computer, Computerized." During her teaching life at Sweet Briar, she received two awards for outstanding and excellent teaching, which were indicative of the love her students had for her. In the 1990 *Alumnae Magazine*, Debra Donigan Bullet '81 was quoted as saying, "I didn't realize I liked math until I took one of Dr. Elkins' courses...Dr. Elkins recognized my ability and encouraged me—indeed pushed me—to excel in math. If it hadn't been for her, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Aside from her active teaching life, Dr. Elkins was equally involved in the Amherst community, specifically being elected to the Amherst County Board of Supervisors, the first and only woman ever elected. She actively represented District 2, which includes the Town of Amherst and the Temperance area. In 1996 she became Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. A strong proponent of education, Dr. Elkins served on Amherst County's School

1933-Jeannette Shambaugh
Mrs. Jeannette S. Elliott
April 2, 1996

1934-Marjorie Lasar
Mrs. Ellis R. Hurd, Jr.
March 5, 1998

1934-Rebekah Strode
Mrs. St. George T. Lee
March 7, 1998

1935-Lucy F. Hoblitzell
Miss Lucy F. Hoblitzell
December 10, 1997

1935-Agnes Williams
Mrs. George J. Ellis
November 22, 1997

1936-Marjorie Griffin
Mrs. Claude O. Caskey
April 21, 1998

1936-Jane Moore
Mrs. Thomas P. Johnson
January 13, 1998

1937-Mary Johnson Lambeth
Mrs. Winfield Blackwell
November 17, 1997

1938-Helen Allen
Mrs. John P. Stupp
May 1997

1939-Barbara Earl
Mrs. Barbara E. Reinheimer
September 28, 1996

1939-Gertrude Robertson
Mrs. John H. Midlen
May 8, 1998

1939-Mary Treadway
Mrs. Frederick R. Downs, Jr.
June 3, 1998

1940-Lois Fernley
Mrs. Henry S. McNeil
March 4, 1998

1940-Katharine Hill
Mrs. John S. Apperson III
February 28, 1998

1941-Cynthia Harrison
Mrs. Albion C. Drinkwater
May 12, 1998

1942-Elizabeth Dunn
Miss Elizabeth Dunn
November 21, 1997

1944-Mary Churchill Walker
Mrs. Kenneth Van de Water, Jr.
April 17, 1998

1944-Marjorie Woods
Mrs. Rushton Williamson
January 15, 1998

1945-Anne Carter Walker
Mrs. Atwell W. Somerville
December 11, 1997

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Board and Planning Commission; she was an activist on important issues before the Board of Supervisors such as education, economic development, employment, and county services.

As well as her great love for teaching and playing tennis, Professor Elkins enjoyed hiking, fishing, photography, and collecting antiques.

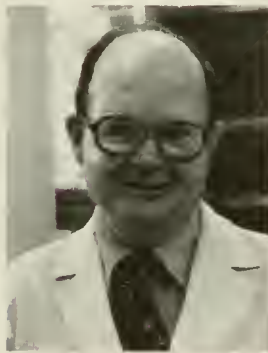
In addition to her husband, Bryce Lee Elkins, she is survived by three children: Asa Elkins of Arlington, VA; Debra Elkins (SBC '93) of College Station, TX; and Rachel Elkins (SBC '91) of Clemson, SC.

Memorial services were conducted Saturday, December 13, 1997 in the Sweet Briar College Memorial Chapel, with Chaplain Susan Lehman presiding.

The family requests that those wishing to make memorial contributions consider the Judith Elkins Memorial Fund at Sweet Briar.

Photo of Judy Elkins from Public Relations file.

H. CHESTER MARKLE, JR.



Retired SBC Professor H. Chester (Ted) Markle, Jr. passed away on October 1, 1997. A memorial service was held on Oc-

tober 4 at the First United Methodist Church with the interment at Brookville Cemetery, both in Brookville, PA.

Dr. Markle served in the U.S. Army Corps from 1944 to 1945, and in the U. S. Air Force from 1951 to 1953. He received a B.S. in chemistry from Franklin & Marshall College in 1949, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his M.S. and Ph. D. from the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Before coming to Sweet Briar, he worked first as an Instructor from 1954 to 1956 and then as an Assistant Professor from 1956 to 1960 at Chatham College. In 1961, he began his career at Sweet Briar as Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Professor Markle was granted permanent tenure as a member of the Sweet Briar faculty in 1966, and was appointed Chairman of the Chemistry Department in 1968, with a reappointment to this position in 1977. Retiring from Sweet Briar in 1980, he received emeritus status in 1983.

Gifts in his memory may be made to the SBC Friends of the Library.

Photo of Chester Markle from 1978 Briar Patch.

DR. FONTAINE MAURY BELFORD



It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Dr. Fontaine Maury Belford, who served as Dean of the College and Professor of English from July 1982 to

May 1985. Dean Belford died of cancer on January 30th, 1998. She was buried in her home state of Mississippi.

She came to Sweet Briar in 1982 from Goucher College, where she was founder and director of The Goucher Center for Educational Resources, serving the adult community of Baltimore. The programs she designed included 100 noncredit liberal arts courses, a Women's Management Development Institute, and a postgraduate premedical program. After leaving Sweet Briar in 1985, Dean Belford became a National Fellow for the Association of American Colleges in Washington, D.C. In April 1987, she was appointed Dean of the Union Graduate School at The Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities in Cincinnati, Ohio.

During her term as Dean at Sweet Briar, she initiated several new programs, including the establishment of a student exchange with Royal Holloway College of the University of London, and the first American undergraduate program at Oxford (St. Hugh's College) for Sweet Briar students. Dean Belford delivered the address at Sweet Briar's 77th Opening Convocation in 1982, drawing on her theme, "Connect, Only Connect."

Dr. Belford received her B.A. from Hollins in 1962, majoring in English, French, and philosophy. In 1964, she received her A.M. from the Yale Divinity School, and in 1968, her Ph.D. in comparative literature from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She also studied at the Sorbonne in Paris, the University of Munich, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the British Museum. She joined the Goucher faculty in 1968, teaching English and comparative literature, and in 1977 combined teaching with the creation of a widespread new community education program. She published several articles and contributed to many books in her field.

Photo of Fontaine Belford from Public Relations file.

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1947-Anne Burckhardt

Mrs. Frank E. Block
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1948-Katherine Berthier

Mrs. John M. McKelway
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May 7, 1998

1948-Sylvia Schively

Mrs. James Robertshaw
April 14, 1998

1953-Lynne Kerwin

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Mrs. Ben Storek
January 18, 1998

1961-Susan Applegate

Mrs. John Ansell
January 11, 1998

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ELLEN NEWELL BRYAN '26

When Ellen Newell Bryan, 93, died June 1, 1998, Sweet Briar, Atlanta, and truly the “greater world community” lost a faithful friend, an intrepid advocate, and a delightful companion. Her enduring interest and enthusiasm as she lived each day touched the lives of countless others, from Margaret Mitchell and Lady Astor to longtime compatriots in the several communities she called home, to literally thousands of Girl Scouts on whose behalf she worked during 70 years of leadership in that organization at local and national levels. And, of course, she was an active participant in the lives of her Sweet Briar classmates, with whom she kept in touch, and generations of Sweet Briar students, faculty, and staff who came to know and love her.

She will be remembered for her ebullience and vitality; her high good humor, wit and joie de vivre as a storyteller par excellence; and also for her graciousness, and caring involvement in whatever milieu she found herself. A May 22, 1997 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* article about her, written by Celestine Sibley, is headlined “Gracious, giving and fun—that’s Ellen Bryan.” Ellen loved a party: in an obituary notice, the same Celestine Sibley is quoted as describing her as “merry with infectious party humor.” Not to suggest that her life was all fun and games; in 1994 she was diagnosed with colon cancer, and was in failing health for some time before succumbing to congestive heart failure. But her correspondence and contacts with people remained full of zest, reflecting her ever-upbeat attitude.

During her 70-year commitment to the Girl Scouts, she received the organization’s highest award, the Thanks Badge, in 1948; in 1997, the Northwest Georgia Girl Scout Council named a lake at Camp Timber Ridge near Austell, GA in her honor (Lake Ellen Bryan), after making her its first emeritus board member in 1996. In addition, she was immersed in her garden club, the Junior League, Colonial Dames, Daughters of the American Revolution,



United Daughters of the Confederacy, and work for her church.

Ellen’s work for Sweet Briar covered many areas, including charter membership in the Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates (recognizing those who, during their lifetimes, state in writing that Sweet Briar College is a benefactor in their wills); Boxwood Circle Committee membership; support of the Friends of the Library, the Wailes Student Center, and Daisy’s Garden restoration; formation of the Atlanta Sweet Briar Club; and service on the Alumnae Association Board and as the Class of 1926’s Fund Agent. Always concerned with “tomorrow,” she was responsible for encouraging a number of Sweet Briar enrollees. In a 1988 letter to the College, she noted that “over the years I have attended class reunions with gusto!” and in 1991 wrote, “No one who attended Sweet Briar loves it more than I who was there only 1 1/2 years! Two daughters and two grands there—three graduated.”

Ellen’s “gusto” never waned. She attended many of the College’s off-campus Recognition Weekends, and was present for former president Barbara Hill’s inauguration in 1991, proudly stating that she had “met and known all of the presidents of SBC, except the first one!” On

this occasion, Ellen stayed with granddaughter Keeley Sullivan ’92 in Keeley’s dorm room (“Much more fun than anywhere else”) and took part in a middle-of-the-night fire drill, making the final words of the old step-singing song, “When the fire bell rings at a quarter to three...I’ll be back at SBC!” come true. And yes, Ellen’s record holds up: *of course* she “met and knew” President Muhlenfeld.

Ellen’s husband, Wright Bryan, who died in 1991, served on SBC’s Parents Advisory Board in the 1950s and on the Board of Overseers and Directors for 13 years, from 1957-70. Editor of the *Atlanta Journal* for more than 25 years, and then of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* for many years, he was Vice President for Development at Clemson University from 1964-70.

Surviving Ellen are son William Wright Bryan, Jr.; daughters Newell Bryan Tozzer ’55 and Mary Lane Bryan Sullivan ’58; six grandchildren including Ellen Tozzer Smith ’87 and Keeley Sullivan Jurgovan ’92; and six great-grandchildren. In 1995, the Atlanta Club held a reception in honor of Ellen’s 90th birthday, inviting all to “Come hear stories about Sweet Briar in the ’20s and meet a very special alumna.” Very special indeed. Borrowing from Cecile Frances Alexander’s (1818-1895) *All Things Bright and Beautiful*: during her lifetime, Ellen encouraged “all things bright and beautiful”; in her relationships, revered “all creatures, great and small”; and worked toward making “all things wise and wonderful,” appreciating that “the Lord God made them all.”

We are grateful to have known her.

—Nancy Godwin Baldwin '57

Ellen Bryan as pictured on the Atlanta Club’s invitation to its reception in honor of her 90th birthday.

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Building on Bold Beginnings



INTERPRETING
RALPH ADAMS CRAM'S
PLAN FOR SWEET BRIAR'S
SECOND CENTURY



Indiana Fletcher Williams

Background: One of the original Cram renderings showing the quadrangle in front of Pannell.

"We are constructing a great

Cram Revisited: The Campus Plan for Sweet Briar's Second Century

Sweet Briar's new campus master plan is one outgrowth of an intense, two-and-a-half-year strategic planning process. All aspects of the College – our mission, academic program, community, and environment – were examined in the context of the future needs of students. As our 100th anniversary also marks the millennium, this comprehensive look ahead could not have been more appropriately timed.

Much has changed since the College was founded in 1901. Yet, the new master plan deliberately resonates with the old. As the most visible expression of Sweet Briar's identity and values, it succeeds in capturing the essential, honorable, decisive spirit that transformed a plantation into a first-rate educational institution.

In an era when they could have rightfully opted to develop a small seminary, junior college, or finishing school, Sweet Briar's founding board broke with tradition and took the bold step of "creating a liberal arts college of the highest rank" for young women.

Indiana Fletcher Williams' bequest had named four trustees – her bishop, her rector, the rector of the Fletcher family in Lynchburg, and her plantation manager – to carry out her broad, indeterminate wishes for Sweet Briar Institute. These men in turn elected three others to round out the board: a judge, a professor, and the president of Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

For reasons that will never be completely unraveled, these seven

already busy men chose the most difficult path, collectively agreeing to make Sweet Briar "a worthy monument to the liberality of its founder and the first among establishments for female education in the State and the South."

At a moment when they could have constructed a few serviceable buildings to support their monumental educational efforts, the first board instead sought out one of America's leading architects, a man who was capable of making an enduring statement. Acting on the board's vision, Ralph Adams Cram set about planning and building what he called "a great college for women."

Just as the founding board had bravely chosen to break with conventional notions of women's education, so too Cram willingly abandoned his own signature Gothic Revival style in developing Sweet Briar's master architectural plan. The formidable, medieval features Cram successfully impressed upon West Point and Princeton were relinquished in favor of a more indigenous, Jefferson-influenced, Georgian Revival style.

In presenting his plan, Cram said it had been "easy to determine the stylistic basis ... of Sweet Briar College in Virginia where history, tradition, and architectural style predetermined the course to follow."

As the buildings were raised – the first ones quickly, drawing on the dwindling resources left through Indiana's bequest; the later ones more slowly as the College worked to raise money for construction – Cram's plan came to fruition in the campus we see today.

Of course, not all of Cram's original master plan translated into reality. As



college for women."

RALPH ADAMS CRAM, SWEET BRIAR'S FIRST ARCHITECT

early as 1925 with the construction of Reid Hall, the College deviated from the location specified in Cram's original plan. Some buildings, such as Memorial Chapel, eventually were built on the site designated by Cram, but differed from the architectural style he envisioned. Others, such as Babcock Auditorium, were built both in a different location and out of context with Cram's Georgian Revival style.

While Cram's plan was never realized in its entirety, the Board's vision surpassed all expectations as Sweet Briar developed a national reputation for the quality of its programs. Though Cram had planned for the College's physical growth, he could never have anticipated meeting the ambitious,

"Create a new master plan which will capture the spirit of Cram's original vision while providing a thoroughly modern infrastructure in which a college of the 21st century can excel."

President Elisabeth S. Muhlenfeld and the Board of Directors

always-changing academic and co-curricular needs of young women in the 20th century or the advancements in construction techniques from the early 1900s through today.

As the College continued to grow in response to the evolving needs of students, it became clear that new academic programs, a full co-curricular life, and integrated technology and equipment were stretching the capabilities of the current physical plant.

In 1997, the Board of Directors and President

Elisabeth Muhlenfeld set out to address these challenges through a new master plan that would carry Sweet Briar through its second century. The main caveat: to capture the spirit of Cram's original vision while providing a thoroughly modern infrastructure in which a college of the 21st century can excel.

The College chose the Boston firm of Sasaki Associates to draw the new master plan. Over the course of 18 months, Sasaki planners worked with students, faculty, staff, alumnae, administrators, the Board of Directors, engineering specialists, and the architectural firm of Douglas Harnsberger and Associates to interpret Cram's original vision in light of the realities of 21st century college life. In essence, they did what Cram himself had done when he interpreted the Georgian style for Sweet Briar and constructed his "great college for women."

Sasaki's new master plan, presented to the Board of Directors and the campus community in April 1998, was overwhelmingly approved and enthusiastically embraced.

The plan serves as our facilities blueprint for the future, and complements the College's strategic planning initiative to be a truly student-centered college. As we have begun to introduce the plan to different groups of alumnae and members of the community, we have seen a level of enthusiasm that could lead to impatience: The plans are so right for our future that everyone is ready to build and institute them right away!

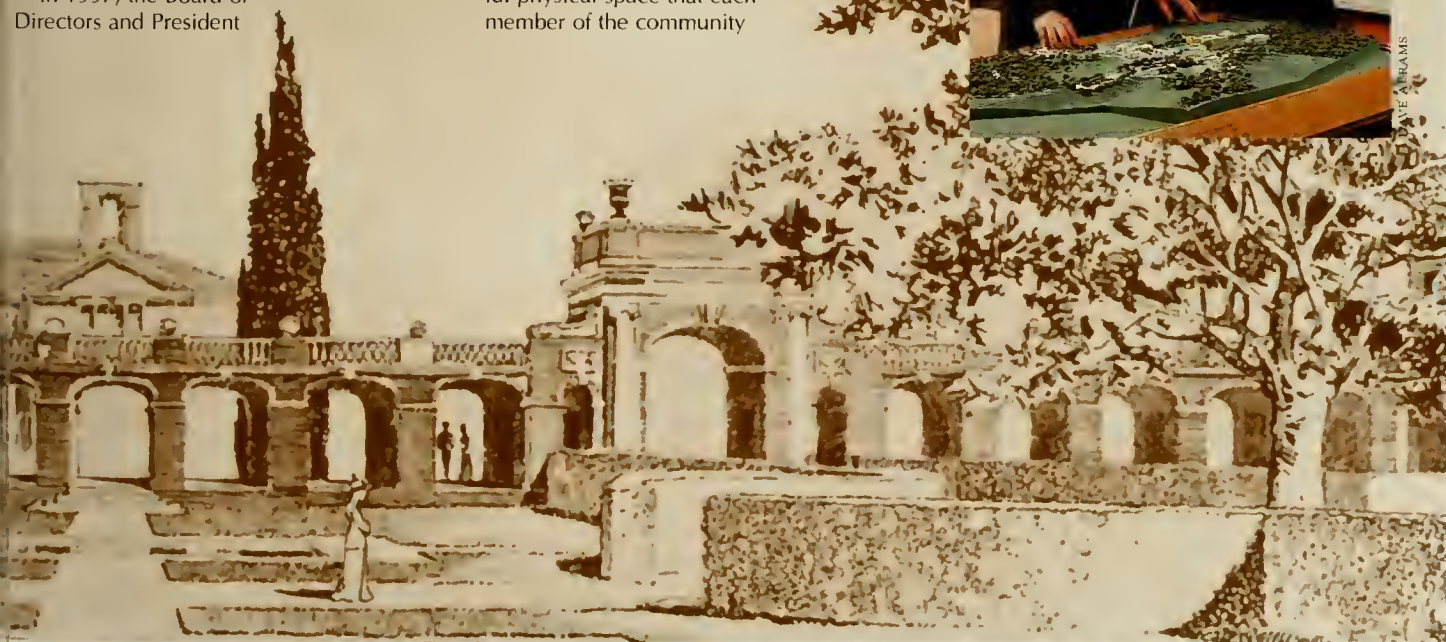
Careful and deliberate planning is now under way to realize elements of both Sasaki's master plan and the strategic plan. While the heart of Sweet Briar is evidenced in this wonderful physical space that each member of the community

treasures, its soul lies in the purposeful, residential, academic program it offers young women. So each decision on any building program must be carefully matched with the academic and co-curricular programmatic need it will serve now and in the near-term future. As our world changes radically and the educational needs of students change with it, Sweet Briar must be flexible in addressing those changes, both in its programs and in its facilities.

It will be our task, as Sweet Briar enters its second century, to balance our programmatic needs with our facilities needs. Maintaining such a balance will lend itself to a thoughtful, clear plan of action that will fulfill our goals over the next 15-20 years.

We look forward to involving the entire Sweet Briar community – alumnae, students, faculty, staff, Board of Directors, retirees, and friends – in this exciting endeavor.

Douglas Harnsberger and Ricardo Dumont are members of the team of professionals that developed the master plan for Sweet Briar's second century.





"Good architecture is ... primarily a matter of form, proportion, composition, well-chosen materials and absolute honesty of construction."

Ralph Adams Cram (1863-1942) was the leading Gothic Revival architect and theoretician of his day, specializing in both ecclesiastical and collegiate design.

Cram's numerous church commissions included East Liberty Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh and the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City. He was the campus architect for Boston University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton University, Sweet Briar College, the University of Richmond, Wellesley College, The U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and Wheaton College. He

designed the Class of 1908 Gate along the side of Harvard Square and major buildings at the Blue Ridge School, Phillips Exeter Academy, St. George's School, St. Paul's School, and Williams College among many, many others.

Cram served as vice president of the American Institute of Architects and president of the Boston Society of Architects. He also published 27 books and wrote a great number of articles. One particular article on church architecture serialized in the periodical *The Churchman* – perhaps because it showcased Cram's insistence on absolute physical and spiritual honesty in construction – so impressed Sweet Briar's first Board of



"...after all, there are but three real things in the world – the home, the school, and the Church – and when we are dealing with eternal verities, honest and enduring construction is alone admissible."

Trustees that they invited the architect to visit the site.

Though his forte was Gothic Revival, Cram surprisingly set aside his medieval gray stone, turrets, and gargoyles when designing the new Sweet Briar Institute. Instead, he proposed a unique, elegant, Jeffersonian style cam-

pus that complemented both the rural Virginia landscape and the Board's enlightened outlook toward education for women.

Writing in *Architecture: Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*, architectural historian Henry-Russell Hitchcock praised Cram's work for the College, saying: "Curiously enough, the Gothic Cram's Neo-Georgian Sweet Briar College in Virginia of 1901-1906 is more successful than much of his own medievalizing work or than comparable work by those who specialized in eighteenth-century design."

Cram's master plan for Sweet Briar was a fresh, original endeavor for the architect, making it all the more precious and worthy of our ongoing

appreciation. That he outdid himself and his rivals in the process of building the core campus is a feat worthy of our consideration as we seek to shape Sweet Briar's second century.

"Attractive surroundings and artistic buildings have a profound and lasting influence on the hearts and minds of [students]."

Sasaki Associate's Site Insight

It does not seem likely that you could study, teach, work, play, live and learn on the same campus every day and never see it. It does not seem likely until you meet designer and architect Ricardo Dumont of Sasaki Associates. Then, suddenly, you find yourself staring at the Cochran Library as though it had just appeared. You drive around questioning the placement of asphalt and signage and lights. You have an overwhelming desire to prune trees. You catch yourself walking through buildings and courtyards that do not yet exist. And you understand why the Sweet Briar community is so excited about the new master plan.

"There are too many master plans sitting on shelves," says Dumont. "That is not what Sasaki is about. We make things happen. Every piece of the puzzle not only works together as a whole, it is achievable."

Achievability is a big part of what makes it so easy to enter Dumont's world. The master plan makes irresistible sense in terms of its aesthetics, its feel for the College's day-to-day operations, and its sensibly phased implementation program. As Dumont explains it, "The goal is to use the College's existing assets more fully perhaps than they have ever been used before and make improvements based on programmatic needs. Efficiency is part of the plan."

Efficiency, it turns out, was not something architects like Ralph Adams Cram went out of their way to achieve. It was reflex, a given, like breathing. The students and professors Cram had in mind did not have the option of driving from one air conditioned building to another. Consequently, they did not suffer the operational inefficiencies and the personal isolation associated with campus sprawl. Sasaki's master plan is a deliberate attempt to embrace much of what Cram took for granted.

"Walking through the original arcades, ask yourself: Am I outside or inside? It is hard to tell because one becomes the other very quickly. That is Cram's gift. There is not an abrupt separation between the architecture and the site. The two are woven together flawlessly. And whether by design or by gut instinct, Cram understood that people also weave together naturally in this arrangement. There is a social component to his plan that was lost in Sweet Briar's growth, beginning in the '40s with the west campus. So, in addition to recapturing operational efficiencies, the compactness or density of the new master plan revives sociability."

If cars enabled people to lose touch with each other, computers have us losing touch with our own bodies. In Cram's day, walking was neither a virtue nor a science. It was how you got from place to place. The new master plan, with its attention to athletic and recreational opportunities, takes

the physical toll of 21st-century technology use into account. As Dumont points out, "Look at Cram's core cluster of buildings and you'll see a trilogy, three vertical structures emphasizing academics, religion, and food—all the basics of college life circa 1900 are covered. Sociability and athleticism were not the issues they are today."



DAVE ABRAMS

Urban designer and landscape architect Ricardo "Ric" Dumont is one of a core group of Sasaki Associates senior professionals responsible for Sweet Briar's Master Plan. His extensive institutional roster includes Harvard University, the Smithsonian South Quadrangle, Perdue University, and Iona College. Mr. Dumont has held academic positions at Syracuse University, Harvard University, and MIT.

Cram studied and drew inspiration from Thomas Jefferson's University of Virginia campus or "academical village," with its intimate arrangement of buildings and quadrangles. He also grew up in New England, among hilltop villages surrounded by farmland. Those influences converged at Sweet Briar in subtle and provocative ways. "Cram dared to be as good as he could be," urges Dumont, "and we need to be equally as bold in our efforts to build on his legacy."

Like Cram, Sasaki Associates began work using Sweet Briar's mission statement as its guide. "This is not about buildings," says Dumont, "it's about academic and social values. The physical plant has to reflect and enhance a broader, long-term vision."

But unlike Cram, the Sasaki team has been able to interact with a campus community that

has been field-testing the features of its academical village for 100 years. The new Sweet Briar master plan is the result of nine months spent talking and walking with students, staff, faculty, administrators, alumnae and board members. Four presentations took place, including open houses in which all members of the community were invited to make comments. It was an informative, engaging exchange that sent Sasaki back to the drawing board, especially in regard to the Student Center.

As Dumont tells the story, "This institution is very different. What I heard from students is that they actually care. They expect to come back after graduation and they want to contribute to Sweet Briar's future. Now, I have never—and I've been to a great number of other universities and colleges—I have never heard that from another student much less a group of students. This is a very involved community."

The compliment goes both ways. Sasaki's holistic, hands-on approach has effectively drawn the community together to bask in our traditions and consider our possibilities. It is a process that has heightened our awareness of the tremendous gifts we have been handed this century and sparked our desire to offer at least as much to future generations.

"My first day here was incredible," says Dumont, "I come from a farming background, so I was immediately struck by how Cram put the assets of the land to their highest and best use. Cram did so wonderfully what most architects do not even attempt today. He not only sited an elegant series of buildings, he sited them perfectly, perfectly on a piece of land. The ability to meld land with buildings, to optimize efficiency and foster sociability, and to capture all the simplicity and vitality of a flourishing village is the hallmark of a great American campus. This is the ideal we need to reinterpret and match, in a bold manner, just like Cram."



DAVE ABRAMS

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mic and social values.”

RICARDO DUMONT, SASAKI ASSOCIATES



The construction of a new student center (shown in bright yellow, left) and an indoor athletic center (right) will provide the heart of student life activities. These priority initiatives will improve the College's appeal to prospective students, and promote social and recreational interaction, strengthening a sense of "place" and community among students.

One of Sweet Briar's most immediate needs is to provide adequate support for student academic research, as well as faculty and staff development, through an addition to and upgrading of the Cochran Library. The first phase of this priority initiative will equip the College with the facilities required to meet the demands of anticipated growth and changing technology over the next generation. This illustration also shows a second addition, if needed, to meet the library's long-term spatial requirements (center, front).

Harnsberger and Associates' Past Perfect

On a campus that continually buzzes with fresh ideas, bright young women, busy professors, and energetic alumnae, it is hard to believe that we could really be almost 100 years old. And Douglas J. Harnsberger and his firm have been given the tough job of holding up the mirror.

"Door knobs, shutters, downspouts, side-walks – I have gone over Sweet Briar's historic district with a fine-tooth comb," he reports, "but the one thing which still concerns me about the project has nothing to do with the campus. It's me. I'm afraid I'm so critical sometimes that no one realizes how enthusiastic I am."

Harnsberger has nothing to worry about. Anyone who has heard him speak or anyone who has read his 240-page report knows he ardently supports the College's preservation efforts. He is, as you would expect, deeply committed to maintaining the historic character of the campus. But he is also remarkably considerate and humorous in his approach. He understands, for example, that the security lights marring Cram's exquisite facades are "necessary and well-intentioned," and he is quick to point out solutions more in tune with the character of the campus. In a recent presentation, his detailed slides of overgrown shrubbery elicited laughter from an alumnae audience who immediately grasped the need for some "judicious pruning."

Harnsberger's work is a valuable and essential part of the College's master plan.

While Sasaki's team aimed at the big picture, his team examined the minutiae: broken lattice under the porches, tungs on the windowsills, cracked brickwork, tailing kneewalls, loose railings, stained limestone cornices – all the small insults and intrusions which, if not properly resolved, can imperil the grandest structures over time.



DAVE ABRAMS

Consulting historical architect Douglas J. Harnsberger is the principal of Harnsberger and Associates, Architects, P.C., a Richmond-based firm exclusively devoted to the restoration and rehabilitation of historic properties. Among his more prominent recent projects are the Belle Grove and Carter's Grove Plantations, Hanover Tavern Restoration, Fort Belvoir Historic Building Survey and Cultural Resources Management Plan, and the Shenandoah National Park's Conference Hall and Big Meadows Lodge Rehabilitations. Douglas Harnsberger holds an A.B. in architecture and political science from the University of California at Berkeley and a master's degree in architectural history from the University of Virginia.



DAVE ABRAMS

The good news is that the College's historic assets, the Cram ensemble and the antebellum Sweet Briar House and slave cabin, are ideal candidates for historic preservation. No major roof leaks or structural failures were uncovered. As Harnsberger describes it, "Cram used slate roofs, Flemish bond brickwork, and enormous concrete substructures. We did not find any major stress fractures in any of his buildings. The Sweet Briar Historic District quite literally rests on firm foundations. That is a remarkable legacy after 100 years."

Based on the dollar value of materials alone, the rehabilitation and reuse of

Sweet Briar's 21 historic buildings makes good economic sense. The cost to build the same campus today would be astronomical. Even as early as 1925, Cram's high specifications were being compromised by budgetary concerns.

In her 1997 Founders' Day Convocation Address, art history professor Aileen Laing noted that a comparison between Benedict (1906) and Fletcher (1925) "clearly reveals a reduction in quality. The shift from hand-kilned brick made from Sweet Briar clay to a commercial brand may have been a matter of economics. One's preference for one over the other is purely personal, but if you look closely at the two buildings, you will soon see other cost-cutting measures. Fletcher lacks the attention to architectural detail which makes Benedict such a satisfying building aesthetically: wood has replaced stone for the detailing, there is no dentil molding at the cornice line, and the pilasters in the inside of the colonnade are missing."

Yet, despite some forgivable trade-offs in materials over the years, Harnsberger and Associates have assured Sweet Briar that, with historically mindful maintenance, Cram's buildings will easily last another century or two. The challenge is to properly preserve what we have inherited. And in Harnsberger's assessment, good aesthetics and affordable upkeep are not conflicting goals.

Replacement windows are a good example of Harnsberger's reasoning. "The character of Cram's work," he explains, "is not just communicated in the big picture. It's also found in the details. There are manufacturers who can replicate energy-efficient windows to match Cram's originals. In the modern, prefabricated world of building supplies, you will not find the same level of quality or detail. The windows are cheaper, but they are not intended to last generations. Custom windows provide much longer service, eventually making up the difference in cost."

Of course, the value of Sweet Briar's historic initiative goes beyond budgetary factors. It acknowledges our cultural responsibilities as stewards of history and place. In addition to detailing the work that needs to be done, Harnsberger's Sweet Briar College Historic Structures Report is filled with histories of the buildings and anecdotes about their original inhabitants. The 240-page document is a docent's dream and a great contribution in and of itself.

"I was delighted to receive the College's invitation," says Harnsberger. "It is often economical to reuse existing buildings but, in Sweet Briar's case, it is also very honorable."

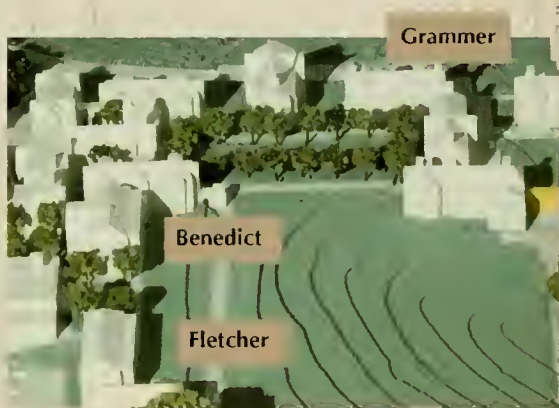
The quintessential American campus....

When implementation of the master plan is complete, the Sweet Briar College campus will be a model of the quintessential American campus with quadrangles and open spaces that provide a tangible sense of place for the College community. The master plan envisions a phased development program that encompasses six initiatives.



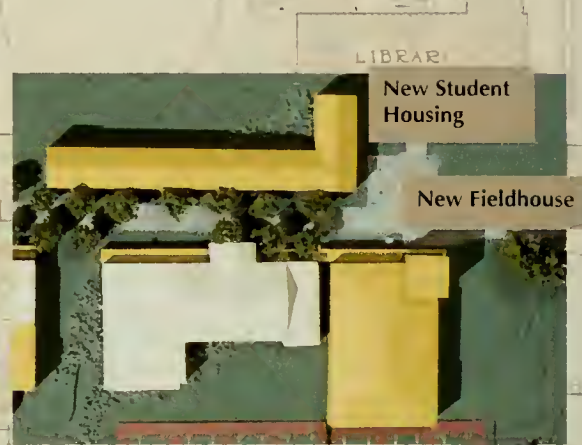
The Student Center Initiative

Located at the heart of the campus, a new student center will provide a needed focus that will tie the academic, residential, spiritual and social elements of the campus together. The new facility, combined with the existing dining hall, will be the campus' primary meeting place with a "one-stop shopping approach" designed to meet the needs of busy students.



The Historic Initiative

This initiative represents the completion of the majority of the renovation work needed to ensure the historic preservation of the Sweet Briar College National Historic District. These include Fletcher, Benedict, Sweet Briar House, and Grammer.

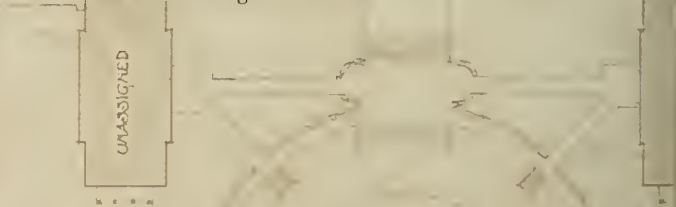


The Athletics Initiative

The renovation of the Daisy Williams Gymnasium and the addition of a new fieldhouse will add much-needed indoor practice and exercise facilities for team sports and the larger College community. A significant improvement to the landscape will be the completion of the memorial stairs and path, which will connect the new student center to the fieldhouse.

The Housing Initiative

The addition of student housing in the form of apartments and townhouses on the west side of the campus will balance the quality of the traditional residential community, invigorate campus life, enhance co-curricular activities, and present women with an alternative housing experience to prepare them for life after college.



Background: The master plan for Sweet Briar College executed by Ralph Adams Cram in 1928.

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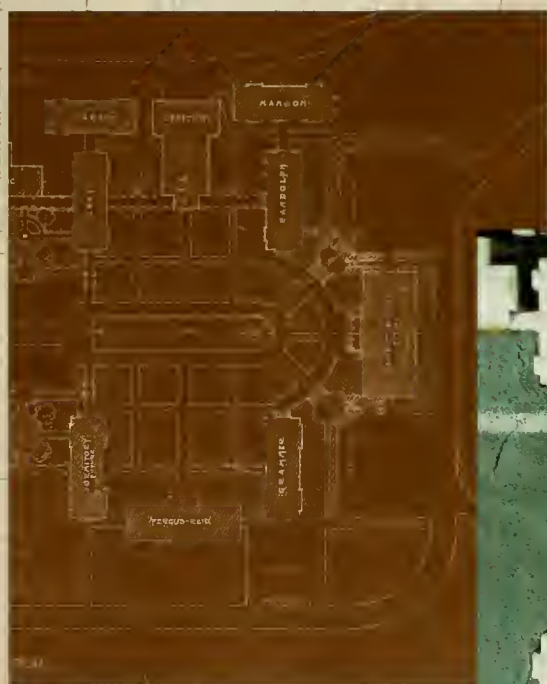
The Arts Initiative

The completion of improvements to the west campus includes the renovations of Babcock and Pannell. Intimate courtyards on either side of Pannell will be landscaped. The adaptive reuse of the dairy barns may provide space for classrooms, offices, and studios for sculpture and ceramics.



The Library Initiative

This initiative will expand the Cochran Library to support student needs, faculty development, and changing technology over the near-term. The Phase I addition will be constructed to the north of the existing library. Once construction is complete, the adjacent open spaces can be addressed. The quadrangles south of the library will be renovated. The court between Carson and Benedict will be enhanced with lawn and tree planting.



The Sasaki master plan recreates Cram's 1928 eastern quadrangle plan by relocating vehicular and pedestrian traffic to enhance the intimacy of the central area.





President Muhlenfeld (center) and (left to right) Dan Kenney and Ric Dumont of Sasaki Associates, Sweet Briar College Board of Directors Chairman Sara Finnegan Lycett '61 and Vice-Chairman Bradley Hale study the model of the Sweet Briar campus master plan prepared by Sasaki Associates Inc.

Dear Alumnae and Friends of Sweet Briar College,

Liberal arts education is undergoing dramatic transformation. Its challenge: to renew and revitalize the traditional disciplines and the approaches we think of as liberal learning – all in the “real world” context our graduates now face of unceasing change and increasing complexity. This is not rhetoric. It is reality.

This Master Plan exemplifies that reality in a compelling way. To fulfill our mission as a 21st-century liberal arts college for women, we must renew and revitalize our existing assets. We do this in the context of new demands on our physical plant dictated by such issues as new developments in science and technology, new interdisciplinary collaborations, and new appreciation for the importance of physical fitness.

Just as our educational planning has been the driving force that guides campus planning, so a good master plan actually shows us new possibilities. It helps us envision how we can marry tradition to the future – not only in our facilities, but also in student life and academic programs. The Student Center in this Master Plan, for example using “old” buildings and courtyards, helps us see ways we can create physical space that will encourage community and leadership development. The Arts Initiative shows us the academic possibilities that could accrue by bringing all arts programs into one “neighborhood,” using familiar buildings, renovated and expanded.

For those familiar with the founding first decade of the College, the far-reaching decisions we are making today will resonate in a powerful way. We have been here before. And the task is no less momentous now than it was in 1901. The first plan for the College was masterful. Now, building on bold beginnings and a century-long commitment to high quality, a new Master Plan invites all of us to look out five, ten, twenty years at a Sweet Briar more beautiful – and more intellectually vital – than it has ever been.

Elisabeth S. Muhlenfeld





Class Notes

1929 President and Secretary: Sally Callison Jamison

Consider the fact that when we were in college we were known as "flappers." Doesn't then **Eleanor Duvall Spruill's** admonition to keep flapping fit into our logos? As usual the first flap came from the indomitable **Izzy North Goodwin** who swims every morning at 8 a.m. She continues to enjoy her new life playing a lot of bridge and leaving the household chores to others. Her 10 grands and greatgrands keep her on her toes. A perky picture of **Lisa Guigon Shinberger** came with a Christmas card. She was celebrating her 90th in great style wearing a festive hat, a red dress, and was surrounded by lots of flowers. **Sue Tucker Yates** can't believe that we are still here in '98. She is thankful that she can see, hear, and remain active in several clubs. She enjoys having her daughter near her in Charlotte, after having lived in England for years. She often sees her 4 children, 15 grands, and 7 great grands. **Martha Dabney Jones** at 88 continues to be active and involved. She asked if I knew how many '29ers are still flapping and I found, upon inquiry, that there are 38 of us with current addresses. **Evaline Thoma** writes that the past year has slipped by with much accomplished - but she can't remember what it was! She had her usual Feb. in Arizona and hopes for a summer of golf. **Alwyn Redmond Barlow** is still happy and comfortable in a beautiful center near her grands and great grands who love to push her wheel chair. Last October daughter Jane (SBC '59) and I attended Alumnae Council weekend at SBC. While there we were happy to see **Gert Prior** and have a little visit with her. She has problems with sight and hearing but her mind is as sharp as ever. We found, again, that October is a great time to see the college in action and to see and hear alumnae representatives from around the country. They are an outstanding group. The Naples area SBC alumnae meeting was held at the home of **Helen Gwinn Wallace** ('41) in Bonita Springs with **Anne Burroughs O'Connor** ('41) as co hostess. We were delighted to welcome as our honored guest President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld who talked to us about the state of our beloved college. She answered many of our questions as did college representatives Louise Zingaro and Mitch Moore.

As this letter goes in to SBC, I will be joining daughter Jane to go to Kiowa, SC for a little sunshine and sand with granddaughter Sarah Palazzo and her family. Our latest losses are **Anne Gochnauer**, **Janet Bruce Bailey**, and **Eleanor Duvall Spruill**, the coiner of our '29 phrase "Keep flapping!" And so we will. Sally

1931 President: Toole Rotter Wellford

Mary Stewart Kelso writes: I am now living at Spring Lake Village, a beautiful retirement community in Santa Rosa. Wally Treanor died Oct. 1995 and I came here in May '97. It is good to be close to old friends and to remain active in the Symphony League and the Junior League. I send my deep affection to Sweet Briar and to any of my classmates who may still be on earth.

Helen Lawrence Vander Horst writes: My life continues very much the same with visits to my children

and grandchildren in Tennessee, and my two great-granddaughters in Charlotte, NC. My interests outside my family are centered in my church, Garden Club, Shakespeare Club, and the Colonial Dames meetings. I am thankful to be well and able to enjoy my varied life.

1932 President: Majorie Ward Cross, Secretary: Virginia Squibb Flynn, Fund Agent: Eleanor Wright Conway

With great sadness I report the deaths of **Stuart Groner Moreno** on Oct 16, '97; **Virginia Hall Lindley** on Feb 15, '97; **Virginia Nalle Page** on Jan 15, '97; **Doris Hodgdon Wenning** on Dec 9, '96; **Bobbie Musgrave Grimes** on Jan 11, '97; and **Marion Malm Fowler** on Feb. 28, '98.

Henrietta Bryan Alphin represented our class at our 65th reunion. Bless her, she drove across two mountains to Sweet Briar. She joined the '42ers. She loves her mountain where her children come for frequent visits. **Majorie Ward Cross** moved to Wilmington. This summer Pat welcomed her second great grandson. **Anna Gilbert Davy**: Gusie and Hugh like a beautiful life care retirement home in Carmel Valley. Plenty of activities. Daughter in CO, son in Seattle. **Suzanne Gay Linville** and her husband are making new friends their second year in a retirement home in Rye, NY. Children nearby.

Barbara Munter Purdue and Bob celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, 21 family present. Barbara and Bob will leave for Hawaii where they will see **Mildred Larimer '32** and **Majorie Gubelman**. **Emma Green Kennon** hears every month or so from Barbara. Em has been very comfortable at Canterbury Court for five years, mostly getting out to various doctors and the beauty shop; hears from **Hazel Stamps Collins**, who lives in Naples and Atlanta.

Eleanor Wright Conway: El is staying in "shape" in special activities at her "retirement home." Daughter Ruth and family nearby. Attended SBC luncheon Dec 27 with Yolanda Moore '71. **Emma Knowlton Lytle** writes her movie "Raising Cotton" received recognition and was sent to Delta State University along with seven paintings. **Margaret Bennett Cullum**: Bobbie still lives in her big house on Seneca Drive where children and grandchildren come for lunch, eleven at the table. Margaret travels to Boston, Washington and NY for wonderful theater and concerts.

Virginia Squibb Flynn writes that she and Jim are starting our fifth year at Evergreen Woods. Happy and secure Ginny is recovering from hip surgery nicely but not strong enough for the long trip to Naples. So sorry not to see Hazel Collins. Earlier we went to DC for Kevin Flynn's wedding. A second grandson, Sean Flynn, will be married in DC in April. I love hearing from you "my dear classmates."

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Jane Lawder writes: Travel has continued for me. In July I took a very informative trip to Alaska and the Yukon. Very recently I had two weeks in South Carolina enjoy-

ing relatives. Much of my time at home is spent in group bible study.

Alice McCloskey Schlendorf continues to live in an attractive senior residence near where family live. Her grandson graduated magna cum laude from Duke University in 5/97. **Isabel Scriba** writes, "Trying to get used to old age." Isabel enjoyed 2 weeks on Lake Como on a painting trip 8/97 and continues to go to the Florida Keys for the winter.

1939 President: Lucy Gordan Jeffers, Vice President: Jean McKenney Stoddard, Secretary: Anne Benedict Swain, Fund Agent: Jean Oliver Sartor

Another year has raced by, bringing us closer to May '99 when we celebrate our 60th!

Sadly we lost some members since our 1997 spring issue-**Virginia Cheatham Newton** died in October 1996, **Lucretia Martin** in June 1997, **Anne Huddleston Cheek** in July 1997, and **Anne Dearstynne Cornwell** in August 1997. **Lucy Gordan Jeffers** sent me a lovely note about "Bucket" who was her roommate. "She was a very vital and lively person, of great common sense, and with a marvelous sense of humor."

Lucy went to England in April for a tour of Northamptonshire. They saw 13 stately homes in 6 days- "interesting but a bit much."

Our bride this year is **Elsie Day Sutherland** who married Retired US Navy Admiral William Paden Mack. She recalls that she used to attend Navy hops with him when she was at Sweet Briar. Elsie plans to attend our 60th-wonderful! She enjoyed lunch recently with **Margaret Ballard Whitehurst**.

After trying a retirement home in Tarboro, **Shirley** and **Bruce Woodard** have moved to her daughter's guest apartment in Wrightsville Beach where they get large doses of TLC-just perfect for them.

Gracey Luckett Bradley reported that for the first time in years their little group (**Eleanor Claflin Williams**, **Henri Minor Hart**, **Lottie Lewis Woollen**, and **Lillian Neely Willis**) did not get together, but they keep in touch by phone. Claffy has her first great grand, and she has 11 grands! She has a show of monotype prints at the Chinese Cultural Institute in Boston 2/98. Gracey's youngest daughter Fran Stoddard was married at Thompson's Point on Lake Champlain, and there was a grand Stoddard reunion, with all of the John and **Jean McKenney Stoddards** plus Gracey's family. Then Gracey took a quick cruise to the Mediterranean to rest up.

Henri Minor Hart is back into attending hockey games, as her grandson is on the team at Denver Univ. She reports that she is trying to keep up with the garden (using the term loosely) and does lots of community stuff. **Boot Vanderbilt Crampton** sees Gracey Bradley and **Biddy Sita** often in Naples, FL. She keeps very busy with tennis, bridge, needlepoint, and genealogy. Her family gave her a cane with a horn and a mirror for a recent birthday. **Augusta Edwards Farrier** reported that **Sarah Belk Gambrell** received an honorary degree from

Furman this year-congratulations! Gussie is busy as can be-attending everything from a debutante ball in Raleigh to a grandson's book-signing at Barnes and Noble, with family trips to Pawley's Island, SC, Richmond, Marblehead, MA, and Charlotte in between.

Mary Treadway Downs still enjoys golf, but her handicap rises with her age. She and Fritz took trips to the Gaspé, and to the San Juan Island off the coast of Washington. Their daughter has opened a new B&B there (Arbutus Lodge). **Yvonne Leggett** and Gordon Sanford went to London and Scotland last summer, and visited St. Andrew's University, remembering that **Gracey, Lottie, and Mary Frances Buchanan** spent our junior year there. Recently the Sanfords and the Downs got together. Yvonne said they ate ostrich which tastes like steak. And she claims that one ostrich egg serves 30 people! **Ellie (or Connie) Wallace Price** writes of a wonderful wedding last summer near Binghamton, NY, the bride being a grandniece of Sam. The guests were wined and dined starting with a Friday night catered picnic supper; on Saturday after the ceremony the 100 or so guests were served a seated dinner. The final meal for the weekend was a Sunday brunch by the creek several miles outside town. Connie's fine except for the arthritis in her right arm.

Jean Oliver (J.O.) and Alton Sartor had an early summer vacation to Napa and Sonoma Valley, CA, and then back to San Francisco. They then flew to Calgary and had a gorgeous train and bus trip through the Canadian Rockies. **Sarah Tams Kreker** plans to join the SBC 50th anniversary of Junior Year in France trip 6/98. It will be a 60th anniversary for her, and a Cornell friend from that year is joining her. **Elizabeth Perkins Prothro** and Charles spend the summers in Pebble Beach, CA and most of the rest of the year at home in Wichita Falls, TX. Perky's youngest granddaughter (SBC '95) was married in April, and there were 13 "Briarites" at her wedding including the Prothros' daughter **Kay Yeager**, the mayor of Wichita Falls, and her two daughters. Perky has eight great grandchildren! **Betty Bird** attended the Fred Astaire 50th Anniversary Bash at Tyson's Corner, VA. She was competing, and says that's supposed to keep her in shape for our 60th! Recently she also made trips to Germany, Hawaii, and Acapulco.

Nancy Gatch Svien is happy and grandmotherly with her three children and their families in the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN. She belongs to two most enjoyable women's groups, and goes into spas where she knows the water from the Earth's center will be wonderfully hot. **Jean Moore von Sternberg** and George have moved to a retirement apartment close to their doctors, hospital etc.-and she confesses she doesn't miss cooking. I agree 100 percent-I cook bacon and scrambled eggs once a week, and make BLT's with the tomatoes from my own garden-but that's pretty much the extent of my culinary efforts. **Mary Brown Henderson** plans to be with as many family members as possible now that she has reached 80. One son and his wife are still in London, and their sons are now in the US-one a first year med. student at the Univ. of Illinois, and another a lieutenant in the Marines who aided in the Sierra Leone evacuation. Two other sons are in Chicago and a granddaughter is to be married next August. Mary still works on boards for Northwestern U. Settlement in Chicago, and belongs to the Altar Guild at her parish church.

Ann Parks says nothing has changed except that she's older, and closer to driving a gigantic car *real* slow with her little gray head peering over the dash board. **Ethel Hauter Crowe** says there's not much to write about. There are many activities at the Univ. of Delaware, and she plays lots of bridge. **Grace Robinson McGuire** listed some statistics such as she is still married to Bill McGuire, and they are both in good health. Snooks has 10 grandchildren ranging from 29 to 8. No great grands (yet). Four nice children, 1 girl and 3 boys.

Katherine Bonsall Strong is looking ahead to much travel. In mid October Kay and 5 friends will be staying in a villa South of Rome and taking day trips. They will also have several days in Florence. Sounds lovely! Then in November two children, their respective mates and three granddaughters expect to enjoy Disney World with Kay. Then back to Noank for her church's Silent Auction-she does a lot of collecting for it. Kay takes art lessons-oils and pastels. In mid December she'll visit her eldest daughter and her family (5 boys) in South Africa, staying until Feb. 13.

Janet Thorpe racked her brain to send some interesting tidbits, but to no avail. It was a quiet summer (but delightful, weather-wise) with the usual self-improvement classes, volunteer work, and a few weekend trips. **Marion Mann Roberts** can't believe it's almost 60th reunion time. She is very happy, active with National Hospice, New York Public Library, Montclair Museum, the Y, the Mountain Lakes Library and her first great granddaughter. **Jean Black Jennings** is still in beautiful Oregon, and is amazed that she is still here (on earth!). She plays tennis twice a week, and takes an annual ski trip to Aspen. She went on a marvelous trip to Australia (including the Barrier Reef), and last spring took her fourth Windjammer cruise. She keeps feeling young, partly because she is surrogate mother and grandmother to her deceased daughter's two teenagers. Jean has two great grandchildren, sons of her oldest grandson. **Julia Ridgely Howe** says that life begins at 80-she's never been happier! She's still writing a column in the weekly county paper, and she was the recipient of an award from the Whitefield Historical Society for 14 years of dedicated service as the organization's secretary. Also she was honored by the director of the Weathervane Theatre. Last summer they dedicated the play "Miss Julie" to her and this past year she became the original "Pink Lady" at the end of "Grease." Julia's sister Margie Keith who lives in Lancaster, NH near Julia has improved greatly in her health thanks partly to a caring husband. The only activity she has had to give up is traveling South. But she has a nice beau which makes up for the lack of travel. **Julia Saunders Michaux** says they have a lot to keep them busy-Dick with his vegetable garden, and Julia with her flower garden. She is still very active in the church, and is on the Committee making the final plans for decorating St. James after the fire.

Ned and I keep going-maybe not as fast as we used to, but who cares? I still have a few too many volunteer jobs here in the retirement home and at church-but I can still find time for bridge or reading! Son Ted and his wonderful family-darling wife Ruth and Ned and Bob, their 2 teenage sons - live only 20 minutes from us.

My everlasting thanks to all of you who answered my plea for news! Now-think 60th reunion, and we'll shortly be back together at the Patch in spring of '99.

1940

President: Blair Bunting Both,
Secretary: Adelaide Boze
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Many thanks to the Faithful Forty who responded to my plea for news. Loved hearing from you!

Sad to report the following deaths: George Hart, husband of **Georgia Herbert Hart**, August '97; Tate Mason, husband of our May Queen **Beth Thomas**, and in June '97 **Irene Vongehr Vincent**, whose interesting family letters I shall miss.

Agnes Spencer Burke fell over her suitcase before leaving for a summer vacation in NH and spent her time practicing her golf swing by hitting acorns with her cane! **Blair Bunting Both** and Rich rented a wonderful house in Provence near Avignon last Spring with Blair and Steve as visitors plus their AFS son from England. **Emory Gill Williams** and Cankie did the same thing in the Fall and now look forward to the marriage of their first grandchild in the Spring.

Christmas "came to pass" at the homes of children of **Phoopy Burroughs Livingston** and Henry with glorious music since the children and grandchildren sing in choirs. Phoopy has been in touch with **Anne Adamson Taylor**, **Parge Woods Gillette**, **Mary Frances Hazelton**, **Cynthia Noland Young**, **Virginia Leggett Cameron** - "all seemed cheerful despite the exigencies of old age." **Anne Conant Weaver** is happy as a clam in Reno, Nevada.

Our class Baby, **Charles William Frazier III**, **Clara Call Frazier** and Bill's first child, was 57 years old 5/24/98. He has a 30-year old daughter with a master's degree in education who teaches in Portland, OR where they live. Clara and Bill celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on the West Coast with 5 of their other children and 7 grandchildren.

Connie Chalkley Kittler and Kit were in Palo Alto, CA to visit their younger son, then came back through the Panama Canal to San Juan. Later they traveled to England with old friends and spent a week at one of the Landmark Trust apartments on the grounds of Hampton Court Palace.

Can't beat **Helen Cornwell Jones** and Homer Daniel who are "young and happy and looking forward to our annual Spring hug in the dell." **Nickie Gockley McClellan** and husband Bob spent holidays with family at Mohonk Mountain House in New York and Napa Valley in CA where they had fun sitting next to Arnie Palmer! **Cannie Lancaster Pasco** and Merrill are constantly on the go-to their "Bath County retreat" or Bermuda, Hilton Head or South Carolina where they spent a night with **Georgia Herbert Hart**.

Example of this Brave New World of ours: **Virginia Leggett Cameron** first saw her new grandon, Ian Taylor Cameron, on the Internet! **Ruth Mealand Schwartz** manages to keep up with a number of the Class of '40-**Marjorie Lee Stock Clemens** in St. Joe, MI and **Hortense Powell Cooper** who traveled to Italy, Scandinavia, Russia, the Danube and Holland. Hortense's youngest son was married in '97, the ceremony being performed by the Sweet Briar chaplain, Dr. Susan Lehman, although the bride is a Hollins and Yale Law School graduate.

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond had a splendid exhibition of American Art, "An American's Dream" from the Warner Collection of the Gulf States Paper Corporation. Jack Warner is the husband of **Eliza**

beth Butler, who unfortunately was unable to come, but Jack was here for the opening and I had the pleasure of chatting with him.

"Mrs. Chattanooga" aka **Mildred Moon Montague** has moved to a smaller house, but still on Lookout Mountain and next door to son Carrington and Shelby. She was recently installed as the Honorary Lifetime Board Chairman of the Chattanooga Big Brothers Big Sisters Association, and is back at fund raising for the T. S. Thompson Children's Hospital.

Lisa Pugh Worthing also enjoys traveling with Clifford-through the Panama Canal from Acapulco to Costa Rico, Salisbury Choir Festival, Isle of Wight, Canterbury, London, Paris, Quebec, Montreal. **Jackie Sexton Daly** indulges in travel also, but with great care having undergone hip replacement. But off she has gone to Germany to find her "roots." **Tell Sinclair** sent a publisher's announcement of her book, "The Complete Cut and Engraved Glass of Corning," now back in print and recommended by the Metropolitan Museum of Art as a "classic consulted by curators everywhere."

Ellie Snow Lea shared her Christmas letter with me giving good news of family visits. **Jean Tyree Oseth** wrote that **Ruth Collins Henry** spent a few days with her in Alexandria where Jean sees **Mary Sue Kilham Davis**. Jean is a widow again, but keeps busy working at the Smithsonian and several historic properties. **Martha Smith McGowan** boasts that she can still place her palms on the floor from a standing position, has no aches or pains and walks 2 to 5 miles a week! The biggest event in her family's life was the graduation from UCLA Medical School of her granddaughter and the arrival of her first great grandchild, the son of her oldest grandson.

A picture of **Barbara Smith Carter** younger than Springtime! At lunch with **Bunny Brown '49**. A card from **Helen Taylor** mourning the death of **Irene Vongehr Vincent**, but quoted Irene's last phone call to Helen when Irene said, "I'll see St. Peter before you will." A very interesting card from **Kathleen Ward Allen** describing a 3 week tour of Europe with her daughter and granddaughter. They had such a grand time they are planning another trip to the British Isles to visit their Walker (St. Angelo) cousins and the Eyre ancestral homes.

Eve Williams Turnbull is still "meeting and greeting" at the Miller Center for Public Affairs founded by Wilson Newman in Charlottesville. **Cynthia Noland Young** and Karl love their frontage on Cape Fear River near Wilmington, NC. Only Sweet Briar contact this year was a brief visit by **Ginny Allison Haywood**.

Jim and I have been traveling-3 weeks in Sicily in the Fall and a wonderful trip to Buenos Aires and Antarctica in January. Hasta la vista!!

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President: Helen Littleton White, Secretary: Cynthia Harrison Drinkwater, Fund Agents: Barbara Nevens Young, Jane Loveland Byerts

Have you noticed how our class is so near the front of the alumnae magazine. Some of us are still traveling. **Barbara Nevens Young** had a great trip to New Zealand and Australia with **Anna Whitaker Bartel**. Also, **Wilma Cavett Records** and new husband visited her and she will see 'Dance' this summer in Canada. Wilma and

husband celebrated their first anniversary in Hawaii. In San Antonio they visited **Barbara Young**. Travellers en-core, **Patt Potter Duncan** met 'Dedore' last summer in MI and lunched with **Edith Bridges Vongehr** in Palo Alto and this summer plans a family barge trip in France. Six of Edith's 7 grandchildren live in CA, so she sees them often. **Charlie Davenport Tuttle** is still making Summer trips to Chatham. **Gertrude Stanchfield** retired in 1994. She volunteers at her former clinic during group therapy with alcohol and drug users. **Bette Fawcett Collier's** husband is in a nursing home. Lawyers run in the family. He is semi-retired, their son is a prosecutor and their daughter's oldest will graduate from law school in April. **Eizabeth Colley Shelton** is recovering from surgery and moved into a retirement home. **Margaret Craighill Price** lives in DC but moved into a military retirement home. I'm not sure when she's there because she has been to the Antarctic, CO, CA and will spend the summer on her farm in Sperryville, VA. **Jean Ruggles Hall's** husband had a stroke while they were passing through the Panama Canal. **H.A. Littleton** is joining the retirement group in W. Brandywine. She enjoys her family and sounds like a formidable bridge player. **Pat S. Ackard** is so grateful for miracle surgery. A surgically implanted spinal cord stimulator has made life pleasant again. Unfortunately her husband of 54 years died in Oct. **Judy Davison Walker** is cross with me for not mentioning her fascinating grandchildren. It is not lack of interest, but rather lack of space. She keeps busy with Colonial Dames, Garden Club, Altar Guild and Book Club. It would be better if you send changes of address directly to the Alumnae Office. I am forwarding the changes of **Helen Carmine Barber** and **Margaret Gilchrist Livingston**. **Ruth Hemphill DeBuss** is looking forward to a visit from **Tish Siebel Frothingham** and husband, **Martha Jean Miller**, and **Lillian Taylor**. And **Angela 'Edge' O'Donnell** is recouping from the sudden death of her youngest son. She reports that **Ellie Damgard Firth** looks terrific. **Anita Loving Lewis** is living in a comfortable ranch because Bill has Parkinsons Disease. **Lillian Fowlkes Taylor** and husband were golfing in NC. **Tish Frothingham** and husband John, **Martha Jean Miller** and 22 Sweet Briarites attended **Emory Hill Rex's** grandson's wedding in Atlanta. **Shirley Shaw Daniel** is busier than she wants to be with Colonial Dames, Garden Club, Scott Arboretum, plus a computer. The way to go! **Doris Huner Swiech's** husband has recovered well from a stroke and their daughter and husband are being transferred to the Indianapolis area and they are so pleased to have the family nearby. **Betsy Tower Bennett** is fortunate to have son Benjamin at home with her. She is busy with Garden Club, Music Club, DAR, Church. **Ellie Damgard Firth** visited with **Edge Cardamone O'Donnell**. She will spend July and August in Hot Springs, VA. And she says 'we are trying to grow old gracefully'. Aren't we all! Last to write was **Elizabeth Hudson Boba** who is very involved in her late husband Imre's affairs. He was a history professor of Polish-Hungarian descent and Elizabeth hopes to write a summary of his life. I'm glad that many of you wrote, but let's try for news from shy violets as well. Here's hoping!

(Ed's note: The Alumnae Office received the sad news that Class Secretary Cynthia Harrison Drinkwater died on May 12, 1998.)

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President: Barbara Prentiss Jones Hale, Secretary: Tish Hall Schwartz, Fund Agent: Mary Love Ferguson Sanders, Margaret Swindell Dickerman

Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of **Annabelle Forsch Prager**, whose husband David died August 2, a real mover and shaker in New York City. **Mary Love Ferguson Sanders'** husband Lynn died suddenly September 23rd, and **Sandy Packard Sargent** died July 22.

Anne Junk McJunkin Briber and Frank are moving to Cypress Village, Jacksonville, FL a retirement facility. **Betty Schmeisser Nelson** and Karl's children gave a 50th wedding anniversary dinner for them. They visited her brother in the Bahamas in March and went to Ogunquit, ME in Oct. **Kitty Doar Jones** is having all for Thanksgiving and in January flying to Buenos Aires to board Royal Princess for cruise to Santiago, Chile. **Dodi Cheatham James** is just back from Amsterdam, to see the Van Gogh's Paris and London. A wonderful honor was bestowed on **Tookie Kniskern White**, husband, and three sons as Oahu family of the year. A dinner in their honor will be in Nov. **Charlotte Garber Rudolph** and John swapped their house on the gulf for a month in Southern Italy followed by 2 weeks in Athens and a cruise. Both back in school at Univ. of Alabama. A believe it or not story from **Polly Boswell Fosdick**. Husband, James weighed 9 pounds at birth as did son, all named James. **Clare Eager Matthai** still doing the same things and going to London in January. **Nancy Bean Hector** is just home from a spa in France. Have moved into an apartment from big house. A disaster! **Mary Carter Richardson** and daughter enjoyed SBC trip to Ireland. She retired after 26 years. An uneventful year for **Bonnie Key Garrett** except for the trip to Costa Rica and Panama Canal. **Skip Bracher Leggett** going through Panama Canal and seeing a bit of Mexico in November. A wonderful good news letter from Ron Adams of **Debbie Douglas's** improved health after surgery to replace a mitral valve. **Beth Dickman Smith** is going to London for two weeks with daughter and young ones, 2 and 4. She saw **Peggy Roudin Weinberger** who she says is still beautiful and trim. **Janice Fitzgerald Wellons** has retired from teaching piano, 50th anniversary celebrated in March with dinner given by daughters and a 2-week Mediterranean cruise for all. Her husband had triple bypass surgery but in good health now. **Betty Porter Kinne Hillyer** is doing aqua jogging for exercise and hoping to take daughter and grandson to Europe for Xmas. Another 50th, spent in Istanbul by **Mary Hilliard**. **Marguerite Hume** volunteers at newly enlarged Speed museum, historic house visited by Lincoln, recording for blind and dyslexic and teaches English as a second language. **Jinny Dewing Dorsey** recovered from the second wrist replacement and remembering our visit last summer with her and Jack in Chatham, MA. **Valerie Jones Materne** travels with friends and daughters. Did an Elderhostel British theater in London with eldest daughter. One girl lives in Israel and her daughter is in Israeli army. **Betty Laurie Kimbrough** has been recuperating from cancer surgery and taking chemo. Best of luck to you, Betty. **Roselle Faulconer Scales** living on farm between Richmond and Charlottesville, and enjoyed an SBC trip to Rome. Spent a week with family at Pawley's Island, granddaughter Margaret spent six weeks with them while an intern at the VA Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. A friend and **Effie Siegling Bowers** joined the Yale,

Brown, SBC trip to Waterways of Russia. SBC granddaughter at Emory school of nursing; 9 grands total. **Nancy Pingree Drake** tries to keep in touch with 13 grandchildren scattered all over. She is on a committee to try to establish the perfect retirement complex on 130 acres on the ocean front. **Brooks Barnes** took several driving trips-one to visit friends in West Chester, PA then to NC outerbanks and home by NJ. Roscoe Willett, **Fayette McDowell's** husband is still in Episcopal home so she stays close, going to see daughter in Orlando. Keeps busy with grandsons and sees other local '43 SBC girls. **Posy Hazard Potter** enjoyed a family reunion in RI and went to the tennis open at Arthur Ashe Stadium, **Shug Shugart Short** visited her last Feb. **Esther Jett Holland** enjoyed annual family reunion. Went to Charleston, SC for nephew's wedding and flew to San Francisco for wedding and Carmel to see friends. Sorry to hear of death of Piney Martin, **Fay Martin Chandler's** sister. **Caroline Miller McClintock** and Gale are in good health and avid golfers. Spent her birthday at Blowing Rock playing golf and having a family gold tournament to celebrate their 55th anniversary. **Byrd Smith Hunter** had a knee replacement and is doing well. Her daughter received her Ph.D. degree in May. **Lillian Roberts Deakins Wyant** remarried Oct. 4 and had honeymoon in Italy. She is a great grandmother and bride. Her new address is: Mrs. John R. Wyant, 217 The Prado NE, Atlanta, GA 30309.

This has been a sad year for me beginning with the death of my sister's last son in January. I had a hematoma on my head from a fall which required surgery, my daughter's husband dropped dead of a heart attack in July, age 49 and I had bypass surgery on my leg after trip to Istanbul. One blessing, my son Norman and wife returned from Honduras and are living here. We visited **Sally Bryan Allen** at Litchfield Beach after Sy's meeting in Charleston, SC where I visited Ashley Hall, my alma mater. I am fine now and love hearing from all of you.

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Our sincere sympathy to the families of classmates who died this year: **Dorothy Slagle Fullerton**, **Evelyn Pretlow Ormiston**, and **Susan Somervell Griswold**. **Carlisle Morrisette Branch** has our sympathy in the loss of her husband, Patteson, who died in late Nov., as does **Frances Longino Schroder**, whose husband, Hughes, died Oct. 23rd.

Murrell Rickards Chadsey, who sent a fine obituary of Evie, enjoyed meeting **Helen Gravatt Watt**, **Alice Johnson Fessenden**, **Marjorie Willets Maiden**, **Virginia Watts Fournier**, as well as Dr. and Mrs. Harold Whiteman, at the SBC weekend in Philadelphia. In August she had visited the Canadian Rockies. In Vt. she dined with **Janet Staples Munt**. Murrell finished remodeling and is now redecorating her house in Norfolk's historic district. **Jean Blanton Murphy** enjoyed an evening with **Betty Farinholt Cockrill** and Jim. Jean continues to thrive in her retirement community near all her children and is very active as a Stephens minister in her church. She also enjoys her place on Hatteras Island. NC. **Alice Hepburn Puleston's** big news is her granddaughter's wedding this May. Her 15 yr. old grandson is into soccer and snow boarding. Otherwise, her

life is "status quo" the way she likes it. **Margaret (Marge) Perry** and I met for a fine alfresco lunch in Seattle in Sept. Herb and I were visiting our daughter's family there, later spending several days on the magnificent OR coast. In spring, '97 we spent 10 days in New Orleans and the western Caribbean. I took several "learning in retirement" courses at Duke-this spring I'm just trying to catch up. **Marian Shanley Jacobs** moved to a townhouse on one floor with views of woods from every room, yet no outside maintenance, and finds living has taken a whole new dimension. **Sally Anderson Bowley** continues to do well following heart surgery last year, keeping busy at her retirement community, "Armsmead" in Hartford, CT and loves being near her family. **Elizabeth (Betsy) Bryant Robb** took 2 daughters on an Alaskan cruise and plans a Panama Canal cruise 1/98. She expected her first great-grandchild 12/97. One grandson achieves a Ph.D. in nuclear physics 1/98, while her other 3 grandsons are in various degree programs. Betsy, who is still doing cardiac rehab and feeling fine, moves to a retirement community in Asheville, NC next to Biltmore Estates in early '99. **Louise Smith Barry** took a Smithsonian tour by boat from Moscow ("amazingly spruced up for its 950th anniversary") to St. Petersburg. Her interest in Russia started with Prof. Raymond's course in modern European history. Louise also visited friends in southern France in Oct. **Katherine (Kay) Mensing Teitgen** and Ralph continue to enjoy retirement. They visited their children in Rochester and Indianapolis and looked forward to everyone returning home for Christmas. They have a new grand-daughter, Emma Katherine, who joins sister, Abby. In Jan. Kay and Ralph begin 3 months in FL. **Persis Ladd Herold** retired in Dec., moving to Amherst, MA. She enjoys her retirement home amidst "a lot of retired professors". Three sons are relatively close by and seeing more of her. **Patricia "Pat" Whitaker Waters** wrote that all is well with her and John, although he had a heart attack 2/97. He is doing fine now as are children and grandchildren. She sees **June Eager Finney** ('49) who is a neighbor. Our class president, **Anita Lippitt Clay** had a good year in spite of a hip replacement in June. She went to the dedication in Oct. of the Women's Military Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery but regretted seeing none of the others who had enlisted with her at SBC. She had seen **Margaret (Peggy) Gordon Seiler** when she visited her sister in Savannah. Herb and I lunched with Peggy and Bob in Richmond. In spring, '97 they enjoyed a beautiful time-share in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Last summer they visited on Long Island, staying with **Sydney Holmes Bales** and seeing **Helen Cantey Woodbridge** and West and **Louise Smith Barry**. They had a week in the Catskills with daughter Margaret, and granddaughter, Livia. The Seilers are celebrating their first grandson, Robert Charles Seiler, "Robbie", adopted by Robin and Noreen to join sister, Diana. They looked forward to sharing "Boxing Day" with **Ellen Boyd Miller** and Bill, their daughter, Dabney, and grandchildren from both families. Peggy and Bob are busy as ever with work involving mental health legislation and advocacy, as well as church. **Sydney Holmes Bales** is head of her church's Altar Guild and enjoys playing with all 5 grandchildren. She went to Sarasota, FL in winter, '97 for a visit with **Mimi Etheridge Wood**. Although **Helen Cantey Woodbridge** and West love Charleston where they moved last yr. they had a travelling summer with trips to CA, MA, NYC, L.I., as well as a 3 wk. trip to Germany where they visited West's cousin's beautiful

35,000-acre farm north of Lubec. They used an apt. in Munich to make many side trips. They have a grandson at Duke. **Catherine "Tee" Porter** and Jim moved after 40 yrs. in one house and many happy memories but appreciated the need to downsize. They joined the SBC trip to Ireland 6/97, finding it delightful, especially the company of President Muhlenfeld and her husband. Tee's youngest son graduates from Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies in May. **Florence (Babe) Loveland Swanbeck** and Ray "are still going strong" on their farm and enjoy riding. Their big news is the birth of a great granddaughter in April. **Alice Johnson Fessenden** also enjoyed the Fall SBC weekend in Philadelphia. She is in the middle of a 4 yr. term on the city council of Mesquite, NV, which has quadrupled in size to 10,000 pop. in 5 yrs. Serving on Gov. Miller's Commission on transportation of nuclear waste, she was taken after clearance into the Yucca Mt. secure zone, wearing hard hat and 25 lb. belt containing oxygen, mask and emergency light. "Quite an experience!" **Elizabeth (Betty) Williams Gookin** and Richard spent a great tennis playing weekend with **Alice Lancaster Buck** and Pete at their place near Warm Springs, VA and last spring got together with the Seilers, Taggarts and Branches in Richmond for a mini-reunion. All said they were so glad to have shared this time with Carlisle and Pat before his death. The Gookins traveled to Bermuda 2/97 and to CA for Emily's daughter's wedding. The year's highlight was the wedding of Liza Gookin to Steve Hodskins at St. Johns, Georgetown and reception at Anderson House. Richard and Betty remain very busy with committee work, church and various organizations. Their granddaughter, Caroline Elizabeth Anderson, was honored by her graduating class at Episcopal H.S. in Alexandria, VA by the naming of a new pond in her memory. **Alice Buck** and Pete have been busy with many church related conferences and Pete's being Sr. Warden of their church, but found time for a summer cruise to Alaska. They attended a lovely party given by the Gookins on their grandson's 21st birthday and planned to join them again to celebrate their own 23rd. The Bucks are happy with their enlarged greenhouse and jacuzzi, welcome after tennis and golf. **Paulett Long Taggart** and Ganson's card showed wonderful pictures of their family taken this year in MA, ME, CA and OR. She continues leading her yoga and creativity group at the Winchester, MA senior center, as well as performing with the liturgical dance group at the Unitarian church. She and Ganson enjoyed the annual SBC picnic in Hamilton, MA, given by **Joanne Holbrook Patton** '52 and George, as well as the International Boat Races with **Fay Martin Chandler** '43 and Alfred. She also attended the funeral ceremony for Patteson Branch, conducted by Rev. Bob Seiler, featuring readings by the Branch grandchildren. Paulett and Carlisle have been friends all through school and college. **Martha (Marty) Falk Vallery** whose son, Michael, died last yr., as was noted here, wrote about Hughes Schroder's death and was hoping Longe would visit her in FL. Marty and Harry planned another Christmas cruise. Plans to take their daughter and 2 granddaughters to Greece, Egypt and Italy 7/97 were canceled when Marty broke her knee. Big news in the household of **Helen ("Gravy") Watt** and Bill is the arrival of their 3rd grandchild, Miranda, to **Phyllis Watt Wilson** '80 and her husband. Helen sent a wonderful photo of the three grandchildren, Chris and Sarah Watt and Miranda Wilson taken when she and Bill were in CA "doing grandparental chores". In 3/97 the Watts traveled the

Intercoastal Waterway. They had a good time at the SBC weekend in Philadelphia, seeing Marge Maiden, Alice Fessenden, Murrell Chadsey and **Betty Doucett Neill** '41 and Jack. **Betty Haverty Smith** also wrote about Hughes Schroder's death and how he'll be missed. She and Alex had a busy year; a granddaughter married last spring, 2 new grandchildren arrived this summer and a great granddaughter in the fall. Another grandson plans marriage in Finland this spring. In fall, '97 Betty and Alex visited Istanbul and the Greek Isles. **Muriel Abrash Shapiro** still volunteers to help immigrant children learn English, using a computer game. Her book clubs are going strong and she finds bridge still a challenge. She is learning Gateway 2000 computer skills and finds the internet fascinating. **Virginia Noyes Pillsbury** in 1/97 made her annual trip to Nicaragua, this time with the rector of her church. In Feb. and Mar. she Elderhosteled to Ecuador and in Nov. to India where she found the Taj Mahal at sunrise truly magnificent. In 12/97 **Elizabeth Vaughan Bishop** broke a hip in a fall while decorating for the holidays but quickly recovered and is happily teaching flower arranging where board member experience with the Botanical Garden comes in handy. **Janet Staples Munt** visited **Norma Bradley Arnold** in KY in Oct. "almost long enough to get caught up". Janet's life remains full with family, friends, working 3 days a week and debating whether to run again for the VT state senate, a big and expensive commitment - tempting since she came so close to winning last time and she is passionate about better support for children and families. Meantime she planned 3 weeks in England this May. Classmates, thanks for your news! Keep well and have a good year. My e-mail address is phylherb@mindspring.com

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I am so happy that **Julia Mills Jacobsen** received the Outstanding Alumna Award given on Founders' Day, 1997. Congratulations for a job well done - we are proud of you. (See article in Winter-Spring 1998 Alumnae Magazine.) **Leila Barnes Cheatham** and John had a trip on the *Song of Flower* putting into ports Lisbon, Bordeaux and St. Malo ending with 3 days in Paris. I read an article about a rock in the mountains of NC near Highlands which is named after Leila. **Ann Dickson Jordan** and Chuck celebrated their 50th anniversary with all their children and 'grands.' They will go again this summer to Lake Champlain staying in their family cottage which dates back to 1917 when her grandfather bought it. **Jean Ridler Fahrenbach** moved to South Burlington, VT last summer where she watches the sun set over Lake Champlain. I wonder if they run into each other at the Country Store? Jean spent the winter in Punta Gorda, FL and took a 3 week trip to China. **Betty Avery Duff** and Frank travel a lot to Rye, NY to see their daughter and grandchildren, and to see a son in Marina del Ray. Their other son lives in Chattanooga. **Helen Davis Wohlrs** still lives in Brevard, NC and hikes 3 times a week. She plans an Elderhostel trip to Northern Italy and Austria. Last Fall she was in Switzerland. I was glad to hear from **Elene Essary Gill** after such a long time. She lives in Washington DC with children and grandchildren nearby. She and John had a wonderful trip to South Africa. Recently they took a cruise up the Danube

'until we ran out of water - well, you can't have everything.' A clipping from the Chattanooga, TN newspaper showed **Hedy Edwards Davenport** and several of her many children at the Hunter Museum of American Art. The Trustees held a memorial dedication honoring Hedy's late husband, Joe Davenport. Hedy took a trip to the Far East with her brother. She was in the Florida Keys in Feb. but hastened back home to get a rose garden going. Incidentally, she has 18 grandchildren. Does that get the prize?

Mary Kathryn Frye Hemphill and Sam were in Hickory, NC for the winter; they're off to Linville, NC for the Summer. She is still singing and her Choral Society gave a concert at the end of March. **Diddy Gaylord Thompson** had a reunion with her brother's family in Houston, TX last Spring. She still lives in Southold, NY and has lots of company in the Summer. **Edie Page Gill Breakell** has taken on a big job with the Garden Club and travels a lot. She stopped for lunch with us last Fall on her way to KY to do Garden Club research. **Betty Healy Downing** and Tom are now living in his house and Betty's son lives in her former house nearby. She hopes to visit with **Cappy Price Bass** and Bruce when they take a trip on the Chesapeake Bay in May. Cappy took her daughters to the French Open last Summer. She and Bruce had a cruise to the Canary Islands. **Martha Holton Glesser** winters in FL and summers in Indian River, MI where kayaking has been a lot of fun. She only 'dunked' twice last Fall, but her wet suit kept her warm - a real sport! One of her sons works for Fed Ex and takes flights to Tel Aviv and a few quieter places. **Joyce Livermore Foust** lives one month on a lake in northern MI, 3 months in Plymouth, MI where her grandchildren are, and 2 months in AL on the coast during the coldest months. They still do antique car tours and recently toured Seattle and environs. **Ann McLean Loomis** and Gil are off to AK again in June. They will visit Denali and Yukon Parks, several wild life preserves and cruise through Glacier Bay ('the best part of Alaska'). She says, "we really should stay home occasionally to become acquainted with our dog." **Steve Nicolson McElwaine**, her sisters and all daughters had a reunion at Rancho la Puerto with Steve's daughter coming from the middle of darkest Africa. Steve is going to an Elderhostel in NYC focusing on early history. She plans to spend the Summer sailboat cruising off Nova Scotia. **Sarah Temple Moore** had a good visit with **Mary Haskins King** when Mary visited Chattanooga and entertained all her good old friends at a luncheon. Sarah and Tom still enjoy their art gallery at home. Mary also had a good overnight visit with **Joan Stover Kemper** who lives in Ojai, CA. **Harriet Willcox Gearhart** and David and Jim and I had a delightful cruise together to Bermuda 5/97. Harriet's daughter Mary lives in NYC and has her own gallery. She and our daughter Sarah see each other often in the big city. David is back at his old parish in Centreville, MD filling in for a retired rector. Harriet visited her newest granddaughter in CA. She and David recently had a trip to Savannah, Beaufort and Hilton Head, SC. **Zu Zulick Reuter** and Don spent the winter at their ski chalet in CO. Their daughter Maggie and family moved back after 20 years in CA, so a lot of activity. Zu and her sister Peg and husband had a Rhine Danube River tour. I know that you will all be saddened to hear of the death of **Ann Carter Walker Somerville** last December. We all enjoyed such a good visit with her at our 50th reunion and we have so many good memories. **Tutti Hall Peckham's** card said she and Bob

had just built and moved into a house where she could have her own yard again- 908 Woodvine Road, Asheville, NC 28803. They had a trip to Canada in August. 10 days later a note from **Hedy Edwards Davenport** told the sad news that Bob Peckham had died very suddenly. It seems that he had been in ill health for several years, but his death was sooner than expected. I am sure you join me in sending Tutti our love and deepest sympathy. Right now Jim and I are on an airplane flying to CA for a family reunion with our daughters Laura and Sarah, their husbands and our one and only adorable 2-year-old grandson. Lucky the trip was long enough to finish this off. Love to each of you. I'll hope to hear from even more of you next year.

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All your letters and cards declare that 50th Reunion was wonderful. **Ann Colston Leonard** writes, "We get more adorable all the time." Ann's entire summer vacation on Martha's Vineyard was spent recuperating from a ruptured disc in her lower back. However she was given lots of time to read, absorb sea-views and sun. En route to reunion I was able to visit Ann's pottery workshop and see some of the original and lovely things she creates.

Kay Weisiger Osborne enjoyed a mini-reunion after the big 50, "engineered by **Saravette-Royster Trotter**, which included **Margaret Ellen White Van Buren, Cecil Butler Williams, Wizzie Osborne**, and spouses." In August Wizzie went to Alaska, in the Arctic Circle, to see her only grandchild, age 3. **Sara Ann McMullen Lindsey** sounded breathless from her whirlwind odyssey from SBC to Boston for the 50th Anniversary of the North American Lily Society, to a family reunion in Iowa, back to Martha's Vineyard, (Family), Maine, (ditto), and finally in Sept., back home to Alexandria to the Antique Forum and her activities for Conservation and Preservation and the Garden Club of VA.

After Reunion, **Nancy Cofer Stacy** spent 3 great days with "Zu," **Jane Warner Williams**, and **Mary Kennedy Moore** at her house in Nag's Head. All agreed Reunion was "Fabulous!" Nancy believes she might be the class's first great-grandmother: a baby is due in February to her granddaughter, whose brother is being married in Jackson, WY next summer, and "Cofer" is going. **Jane Warner Williams** telephoned in Nov. Husband Adrian is recovering from a bad injury due to a fall. Jane was delighted to find that the sister-in-law of a family member was a Sweet Briar girl **Ansley Merritt Conner, SBC '87**. They met at the wedding. Jane's exuberance over reunion matched that of so many of you, and my own. She also had a great time at Cofer's Outer Banks mini-reunion.

Meg Dawson Hellyer, "feeling suitably ancient as a member of the Daisy Chain," is now hard at work on her first novel. I speak now for a copy, (autographed), of the first printing. **Isobel Zulich Rhoads**, just returned from Columbus, Ohio, attended her youngest grandchild's christening to which all of her children and their families came. She also spent 10 days in Maine with sister, **Betty Zulich Reuter** and Don, **Alice Gearhart Stinson** and Bill, both SB '45—"Lots of lobster and laughs." **Cordelia Lambert Stites** still thinks Colorado

is God's country. Recently they spent 2 weeks in Costa Rica, then a fabulous month starting in Eritrea and ending in Spain. Her firstborn has just retired! Arriving in Colorado soon. She still volunteers in church, school and crisis center. **Aimee DesPland McGirt** still teaches part time at the local community college, hopes to go to China next year. She thinks it is a "tribute to the college and to each other that roughly half (alumnae) made it back to reunion."

Margaret Munnerlyn Haverly spends much of her time keeping up with her active family. One daughter is an actress in New York, (married, with a child), a second is practicing law and raising two sons, a third living in Ponte Vedra, FL with her family, and her two sons are there in Atlanta in business with their father, who is supposed to be "retired." "Munn" and Rawson spend some time in Ponte Vedra each winter. They are planning a trip down the Hudson River in October, then down the IWW and through the Chesapeake. **Mary Kennedy Moore** says she waited 70 years for her first grandson and awaits the arrival of the second any day. **Em Schuber Carr** and Bob had a wonderful trip to Georgian Bay, Canada and to Chatham, MA to visit their children; went whale watching in Provincetown and saw 16 whales! Em has organized a stroke-support group, now underway. She and Bob plan to cruise the Mississippi in Spring with **Sue Van Cleve**, Rehl, and Bud. Besides running a travel business, **Shirley Lewis Johnson** often heads for either Texas or New York to check on her children and grandchildren. In Oct. she and **Jean Old** are off again, this time on a three week tour of eastern Turkey and the Black Sea. Jean writes, "Hope we don't end up in an Iraqi or Iranian Harem!"

More travelers: **Agnes Jefferts Sonntag** and Bob followed the trail of Lewis and Clark in Aug., including National Parks in Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho. Last summer **Meredith Slane Person** took her 10 grandchildren and their parents on a 10-day tour of Utah's natural wonders. She recently had two shows of her miniatures, expects the Furniture Market in High Point to be a big event. *Editor's Note: the Alumnae Office just received the sad news of the death of Meredith's husband Curtis.*

Although M.S. keeps **Barbara Golden Pound** from traveling and painting, her talented family carries on in her stead: husband, Murphy went on a painting trip to France, her daughter-in-law just had a well-received one-woman show in Atlanta, and son had just finished illustrating his second book, besides running a B&B in Columbia's historic District. At 42, he and his young wife are looking forward to a baby in August.

Julia Holt Coyle, busy with estate matters since the death of her mother, **Isabel Wood Holt**, SB'19, last year, had a wonderful long summer visit from her Aberdeen, Scotland daughter and family, as well as her other two, Lucy and Isabel. The latter lives nearby in Charleston. **Liz Ripley Davey** and two of her daughters, Ellen and Annie and their families, spent a week in July at Higgins Lake, MI. Liz's other daughter, Betsy, is moving to NJ over Christmas. **GINNA WALKER CHRISTIAN**'s son, Scott, who is head of the Potomac School's Middle School in McLean, VA, married Helen deButts on 7/28/97.

Ghost stories from Sweet Briar's past are in great demand from **Ann Marshall Whitley** at student parties. Beside her constant activities on campus, Ann is also involved with the Amherst County Historical Society. "Sweet Briar was one of my best years," writes Nancy

Scurry Minter. A psychotherapist, she recently graduated from Barbara Brennan's School of Healing, which she pursues along with her usual work. Her two daughters, Laurel and Darcy, live 100 miles south in Seattle. "Washington State is beautiful," she says; she hikes in summer, skis in winter.

Sad news of her husband, Edgar's death Aug. 24, from **Eleanor Bosworth Shannon**. Thankfully, "He was able to walk down the aisle with (daughter) Virginia June 21st when she married J. K. Nicholas." Bozzie's five daughters and her many friends surround her with love and care. **Justine Arnold Linforth** also wrote of the death of her husband, Dec. 26th. Edward M. Linforth taught Italian painting, studio architecture, and aesthetics at SBC from 1938 to 1945. There are 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Now retired, Justine lives in FL with son Jonathan.

Saravette Royster Trotter's middle child, Jim, is moving to the Miami area, which means "we'll have one almost in Cuba and two (Spokane, WA), almost in Siberia. That will take care of our trips for a time." **Ann Webb Moses** enjoys yoga, dance, gardening, and volunteer teaching from preschool to Medical School. "So far, retirement is the best time of my life." A letter from **Mary Frances Wood** tells of her spiritual journey which began in Europe in 1950—Oberamgau, Rome—and culminated in becoming a member of the Religious Sisters of Mercy more than 15 years ago. Now in Alma, Michigan, she hopes we "all find joy and fulfillment." To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, **Nan Hart Stone** and Billy spent three weeks in October seeing Montreal and Quebec, saw "magnificent Fall foliage, and 75,000 snow geese flying south!"

I am currently taking courses in poetry writing, a second creative writing seminar, and two in Art History at a local college seniors program. I love your notes. Remember, we're in the phone book when you come to Baltimore or Towson.

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Here I sit at my husband's word processor starting the summer newsletter for Class of 1948. Many of us will gather at The Patch to celebrate our 50+ years of friendship before this is published. As I read your cards I discover some gals writing from an Irish Pub in Falls Church celebrating birthdays. They have decided to have "in vitro fertilization" to brighten up their lives! After a tour of **McCall Henderson Revercomb's** beautiful old home and yard, **Audrey Lahman Rosselot**, **Nancy Vaughn Kelly**, **Martha Mansfield Clement**, **Liz Barbour McCrea** each wrote a postcard—sounded like such fun. Nancy's card of 1000 words tells of having an "empty nest" after 15 years raising a second family of Cambodian emigrants. The **Dan Kelleys** still work with young Native Americans and refugees who come through DC. Audrey has loved her SBC trips and worked on a spring tea for the college. Liz reports on good food and wine in Italy and France last fall. She's active with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra support and treasurer of the home owners association for their Outer Banks second home.

A poignant Feb. note from **Kax Berthier McKelway** tells of her husband John's illness and her own problems and her sorrow over not being able to be at Reunion. The first week of May we received news of our beloved classmate's death. I know all join me in sending our sympathy and memories of her warm smile and enthusiasm for life. There are 4 McKelway children- John-a lawyer in Boston, Hank- a PhD. in archeology in Lexington, KY, daughter Kathy (SBC '86) in Bethesda. Their older daughter Mary has been under treatment for breast cancer at the Dana Farber Institute. A note from **Ginny Wurzbach Vardy** tells of a spring confinement with a broken foot which hopefully will not prevent her water aerobics and volunteer job as a resource reading teacher. **Patty Traugott Rouse** is very involved in the work of her late husband Jim, The Enterprise Foundation, but had some downtime with hip replacement last fall. She and her Norfolk childhood friend **Indie Lindsay Bilisoly** compared notes of her hip and Indie's knee replacement. Patty welcomed President Betsy Muhlenfeld for a visit in Columbia, MD. The traveling Twohys, John and wife **Peggy Addington** had a Feb. 12-day trip to Rome and S. Italy and plan a July 50th wedding anniversary celebration, all this with a successful fund-raising and Reunion visit too! *[Editor's note: The Alumnae Office reports the sad news that John Twohy died suddenly on May 30, 1998.]* At the Oct. Fund Agents gathering all 48s thrilled to hear **Eleanor Potts Snodgrass'** daughter '72 honor her mom, our class president with a \$5000 gift to our Reunion Campaign. How special it was to honor Pottsie for her unceasing devotion to our college and our class of '48! Pottsie and Strib did a wonderful fall tour of Germany and Poland. **Jane Luke**, our esteemed MD was also at the Oct. meeting. She enjoys winters in the Caribbean, her spring daffodils in VA and her sea breezes in Cotuit. Jane reports of a frightening sudden illness that struck **Betty Kernan Quigley** last fall from which she has recovered. **Vi Whitehead Morse** described the 33 head of cattle she and Walter and a helper care for. Added excitement: the birth of twins-male and female calves who needed much TLC because the mom rejected the male with turned-in hooves. Now he has braces; all is well! The Morse's daughters and husbands were all home for Christmas.

Marguerite Rucker Ellett, a faithful correspondent (even when I misspell her last name), loves having a granddaughter Sallie who lives close by in Richmond, providing many babysitting opportunities. The shared grands of the Elletts and **Helen Pender Withers** and Burks provide many holiday get-togethers. The Withers spent 2 weeks in London visiting daughter Frances, husband and 2 sons. They also hit Indianapolis and Alexandria to check on the remainder of their 7 grands. **Sally Davis Spencer** and Kyle joined the Withers at dinner in an historic old home in Essex County with **Sara Ann McMullan Lindsey** '47 and husband Doug. **Kitty Doolin Dickey** from Huntley, VA was slowed down by a freak accident last Oct.; has had surgery on her left leg with amputation below the knee. We know that she is handling that with her good spirit and energy. **Judy Perkins Llewellyn**, Avon, CT describes a gorgeous new condo just 6 miles from their family home which frees them to travel to their Kiawah Island place. Last Sept. they toured the Scottish Highlands, the Yorkshire Dales and places in between and will go to Greece this fall. Judy sees **Westray Boyce Nicholas** who lives not far away in Johns Island, SC. **Ynes Jova Cline** invites classmates to visit

her at her Commonwealth Ave home in Newburg, NY where she looks out over the majestic Hudson River. **Martha Davis Barnes** took her up on the invite last spring. **Ann Paxson Gail** has exciting news about 2 of her children-daughter Ann Jaskhe had twin boy and girl babies in Feb. and son Bill on a Caribbean cruise with his family and in-laws got to see the Total Eclipse of the sun on February 26—an exciting month for the Gails! Classmates, you have not lived until you have received a post card from **Closey Faulkner Dickey** and tried to read her tiny script and condense her fascinating life into a few sentences! Basically, Whit and Closey ski a lot in spite of his replaced hip and her knee problems. They cruised the Bahamas in their beloved Wendelen with lots of family aboard, then took the vessel to Ft. Lauderdale to be sold. Trips to Scandinavia last summer and fall planting of 964 bulbs at home with trips to Anchorage, Seattle etc. to see children. Closey spends much time in volunteer work with the medical center which she has faithfully served for 17 years. The next newsiest card came from **Judy Blakey Butler**, York, PA: she's enjoying renovating her family home, shaping up the long-neglected yard and packing for a Galapagos and Machu Pichu trip after Reunion. She still feels her greatest trip was the camping safari all over Australia and New Zealand a few years ago. Can anybody top that from '48?

We love to hear from **Caroline Haskell Simpson**, Geneva, IL because she writes of her 4 sons who are thriving and of her adored granddaughter Louise who's known as "The Beautiful Louise" throughout the valley. (I have one of those "Louises" here in the Tennessee Valley!) Bruce is retired; she is not. **Jo Neal Peregrine** from way up in Frankfort, Michigan hoped to come to Reunion but 3 plane changes and long waits plus the expected arrival of a 7th grandchild at Reunion time make it impossible. A spring "mini reunion" lunch in Atlanta as **Peggy Sheffield Martin** took **Felicia Jackson Burns**, **Ann Ricks Griffin**, **Martha Davis Barnes** and your scribe to lunch at the Driving Club. The Martins plan a June trip to the Royal Ascot Races in England and some house and garden tours. "Scoff" has worked so diligently for our Reunion Gift Giving that she deserves a trip and a quiet summer in Highlands. Rickie has spent some time in CA with her stepdaughter Bertie who lost her husband. Martha was planning a Windstar cruise to Costa Rica, a visit to the Getty Museum in LA, grandmother visits to CO and AL and a pop-in visit on Kathryn Fulton Alston in Henderson, NC before Reunion. **Felicia Jackson Burns** and John have triplet grandsons plus another boy born to daughter Betsy in the last few years. **Suzanne Hardy Benson** can get just about as much news on a card as Closey and Judy. She writes of her daughter's full-time involvement in the Augusta Ballet with a new presentation of *The Three Musketeers*. The Bensons stay busy with their beautiful 1756 St. Paul's Church and with an intense recycling program of everything that's portable. **Helen Elliott Sockwell** and Warren are working on a 50th wedding anniversary party in Huntsville. (Gee, that was a beautiful Southern wedding Twink had, I remember!) A note from **Emily Loftis Peters** from Kingsport, TN sends best wishes for our 50th. **Ann Rowland Tuck** and Jim will celebrate their 50-year marriage in Sept. with a 3-week trip to China including 3 stops at air bases Jim flew into during WWII.

Notes from FL are always fun. **Martha Sue Skinner Logan** spends summers in Cashiers, NC, winters in

Tampa and will have seen Copper Canyon, Mexico before Reunion. **Nancy Vaughn Kelly** and Dan stopped for a visit with the Logans. **Sally Smith Williams** and Tom saw **Martha Rowan Hyder's** fabulous Mexican house and gardens on a spring trip to San Miguel, Mexico. The Williams return to Richmond in April. **Ann Orr Savage** and Bob spend 1/2 year in Vermont, the rest in Shell Point Village near Sanibel, FL and will drop by Reunion on the way north. They have seen **Martha Garrison Anness** and **Pat Smith Nelson** at a Bonita Point SBC gathering with our peripatetic President Betsy Muhlenfeld. (Incidentally, Pat Smith Nelson sent such an hilarious article from *Smithsonian Magazine* that I almost sent it in instead of this lengthy epistle!) **Vickie Brock Badrow** volunteers for Reach to Recovery, Habitat, and library management in Chapel Hill, NC but travels to FL for a winter stay. The Badrows have 2 great-grandchildren belonging to grandson Steve who flies helicopters from Ft. Rutger, AL. **Liz Hooks Richards**, Key Largo, sent best wishes and regrets about Reunion.

New Orleans: **Rosemary Gugert Kennedy's** daughter Wendy is doing good writing and working for the Rosemary Corporation as she recovers from a malignancy. The book, cassette and video *From Bach to Rock* is successfully being distributed all over the country bringing info to many in a fun way. From Texas: **Polly Rollins Sowell** loves working for Gov. George W. Bush. **Helen McKemie Riddle**, Wichita Falls, has been diagnosed with MS but is able to continue to sell real estate. She adds that our recently-deceased classmate **Ann Harris Bellows** was facing a lifetime of being on dialysis. Our class remembers Ann as a TX gal who went back to finish her studies and live in Houston. **Sanny Butnam Bellows** married George's brother Frank. **Carolyn Montgomery "Gummie" Lange** remains close to this SBC contingent in Houston.

Jane Miller Wright and Howard operate a kind of SBC on the Pacific coast: **Westray Boyce Nicholas** and Roy visited them in Long Beach in Feb. and **Maddin Lupton McCallie** and David visited in Apr. with wonderful "catch-up" conversation as we took a boat ride and later dined aboard the Queen Mary. **Ruthie Faulkner Howe** and Wilson can't attend Reunion: their oldest granddaughter is graduating from Longmont, CO High School. **Harriotte Bland Beckwith** will help 2-year-old granddaughter Emily celebrate a birthday in Charlottesville on her way to SBC (She is supposed to coax songs from our class as we report on our fund raising!!) **Evvy Sharp Vidal** speaks 3 languages, has several advanced degrees and has worked for the CIA and Durand International as PR manager. **Mary Barrett Robertson** sent best wishes to our gathering and deep regrets over not attending. **Patty Damron Joy** and retired army officer husband David have lived all over the place but now spend May to Oct. in La Jolla, CA, the rest in Alexandria, VA. **Nancy Moses Eubank**, Little Rock, says that she is doing all right after her husband Bill's death in a car accident in July '96. From St. Albans, WV **Betsy Anderson Gorrell** writes of her husband's death last year but plans to be at Reunion as does **Bess White Gregory**, whose husband Charles died in May '95. Bess keeps busy doing genealogical research for Colonial Dame papers. **Martha Owen Thatcher** writes of many marvelous musical moments; she has sung with her choir in many countries. From Rumney, NH **Faith Mattison** has made 20 major trips, won numerous awards and citations for her work with the Rumney Ecological Systems in the effort to protect a glacial bog.

Your notes and questionnaires were fascinating. Cheers for 50 years! **Maddin Lupton McCallie**

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President: **Fritzie Duncombe Millard**, Secretaries: **Betty Wellford Bennett**, **Kitty Hart Belew**, Fund Agent: **Mary Fran Brown Ballard**

We are distressed to report the death of our classmate, **Jaclyn Tappen Kern**, in May 1997. **Marie Musgrove McCrone** lost her husband Richard in June 1997, and **Joan McCarthy Whiteman's** husband, Wes, died in February 1998. **Patty Levi Barnett** lost her husband, Henry (Bubba) Barnett, as well in October 1997. Happier news is we have a class bride. **Deborah Carroll Zeigler** was married 5/7/98 to William P. Conery III in New Orleans. We are celebrating our 70 years with many parties and travels. **Kitty Hart Belew's**, **Libby Truehart Harris's**, and **Caroline Casey McGehee's** to name a few given by their respective children. **Sally Ayres Shroyer** and husband Lou were sent to Sun Valley by their children to celebrate a 50th anniversary! **Ann Bush Train's** children and grandchildren celebrated her 70th birthday by coming to her home in Macon, GA. Our class is proud of **Lucie Wood Saunders** who has retired as a professor and department chair in Anthropology. **Betty Blair Gosling** will have her fourth book published by Oxford University Press. It is called *The Multicultural Making of Thai Art*. Betty earned her Ph.D. in 1983 when she was 55, and is now recognized as an expert on Thai art. **Carolyn Cannady Evans** completed her master's degree in counseling and passed her national counseling exam. She is serving her internship toward a professional counselor license in NC working with college students. **Judy Baldwin Waxter** has made possible the Julia B. Waxter Environmental Studies Forum to debut in the Spring of 1999 as announced in the Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine, Summer/Fall '97 issue. **Ellen Ramsay Clark** and **Carter VanDeventer Slatery**, while in Charleston, SC for the House and Garden Tour, met with **Stevie Stevens Webb** for lunch and a personal tour. The Clarks then went to Hilton Head with the Slaterys. By next year, **Goodie Geer DiRaddo** expects to be in Charleston to aid Stevie with those Charleston visitors from '49. **Patsy Davin Robinson** and **Alice Trout Hagan**, along with Stevie, visited **Bunny Barnett Brown** in Madison and Bayhead, NJ in 9/97 and met again in 2/98 at Bunny's in Johns Island, FL where they attended a Sweet Briar cocktail and dinner party. In 9/97, **Sallie Legg DeMartine**, **Jackie Jacob Leffers**, **Ann Eustis Weimer**, **Jean Taylor** and **Betty Wellford Bennett** met at **Carolyn Cannady Evans'** time share on Cape Cod for a mini-reunion and sight-seeing. **Jean Taylor** has returned from visits to Utah, Australia, Puerto Rico, and the Yucatan. Never one to stay too long at home, Jean is planning trips to AK, The Rhineland, Rome, and Sicily, arriving in VA in time for our reunion. **Jackie Jacobs Leffers** and her husband Jim have returned from the Greek Isles, Turkey and sites in South America including Machu Picchu. In 5/98 they leave for Tahiti, then to ME and the Canadian Maritime Provinces. **Preston Hodges Hill** and **Carolyn Cannady Evans** met at Princeton, NJ for their husbands' 50th Reunions. **Judy Easley Mak** and Dayton spent time on Sanibel Island, FL and then at the Cloister at Sea Island, GA to escape the cold. **Marilyn Hopkins Bamborough** enjoyed a month this winter in Ft. Myers, FL. She is looking forward to her granddaughter's wed-

ding in Grand Rapids, MI come summer. **Margaret Towers Talman** went to Italy in the Fall and came home in time to sell her house and move the week before Christmas to a new home in Westminster-Canterbury, a retirement community in Richmond. **Caroline Casey McGehee** stays busy traveling and with her miniature books. She is on the SBC Friends of Art Board, as well as that of Prestwold Plantation and the Colonial Dames of VA. **Nancy Jones Worcester** has 7 grandchildren from 19 to 6 months. She and her husband will travel to the Aegean Isles and the Eastern Mediterranean this Oct. after spending the summer in northern MI. **Ruthie Garrett Preucel** spent a marvelous two weeks in March at St. Georges College, the Anglican Study Center in Jerusalem. **Lindsay Coon Robinson** sold her house and now resides in a condo on a golf course. She visited Morocco and Holland, and closer to home, escorted her grandsons 9 and 6 to NYC twice. **Sue Corning Mann** and husband Hank visited **Ann Fiery Bryan** and Dick in Charlottesville en route to FL. They got caught in the blizzard of '98 near Roanoke. But FL was great once reached! **Mary Virginia Mallet** is now semi-retired and keeps busy with her volunteer jobs, her Kiwanis Club and church vestry. She and her daughter, Barbara, plan a trip to AK in 7/98. **Betty Wellford Bennett**, **Margaret Towers Talman**, **Caroline Casey McGehee** and **Kitty Hart Belew** spent a delightful 4 days in Savannah, GA in March on a House and Garden tour - and yes, we saw the statue and the house out of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. Those of us in Richmond have the good fortune to see **Alice Trout Hagan** on her fairly frequent visits here to carry out her various chores. **Alice**, **Margaret Talman** and **Patsy Robinson** will travel to Scotland in Sept. **Ann Henderson Bannard** is completing a sculpture honoring the Class of '49 at our 50th Reunion. The sculpture will be installed this fall and dedicated at reunion, so EVERYONE plan on being there. **Katie Cox Reynolds**, **Larry Lawrence Simmons**, **Preston Hodges Hill**, and **Judy Baldwin Waxter** plan to meet in Aspen in Aug. to make plans for our Reunion, so all of you send your questionnaires to Larry soon. Fritzie says we'll have a new logo on our tee shirts, as well as floppy hats and white gloves. The big 50 will take place May 7-9, 1999. **Mary Fran Brown Ballard**, our loyal fund agent, wants to see 100 per cent participation. Mary Fran was re-appointed to the Delaware County PA Board of Elections, so is keeping her hand in the politics of her area. Y'ALL COME TO REUNION, YA HEAR!

1951 President: Ann Mountcastle Gamble, Secretary: Patricia Barton, Fund Agent: Anne Sinsheimer

How we treasure the time with Marcy during our last Reunion and shall remember this dear classmate with great affection. Our deepest sympathy also to Sue and Bob Lilly on the loss of their son at Christmastime, 1996 and to N.K. Butterworth Palmer on the loss of her husband in January, 1997.

Wonderful to hear from so many of our class, as follows: After one year at Sweet Briar, **Diane Aubineau** went to Stanford where she won a Sculpture Scholarship to the San Francisco Art Institute. After graduation, she held art-related jobs, including head of advertising for Addison-Wesley, and ultimately opened her own agency. Now she is trying to taper off and do more paint-

ing and traveling. She has many volunteer activities in San Francisco, "but the most fun is a hope-springs-eternal singles group.." **Mary Emery Barnhill** wrote: "We had a nice time in Louisa, VA with Henry and Ann (Sheldon) Taylor, Mary (Pease) Fleming and Rives, Jean (Stapleton) Hellier and Burge and Kitty (Hart) Belew. Also had a great summer visit from Sue (Lockley) Glad. Have also seen Marge (Newell) Curlee a lot. Dick and I stopped by Sweet Briar en route back to Hilton Head from summer in upstate New York. We could barely find our way around with all the changes!

Mona Wilson Beard: "I've found since retirement an inverse relationship between time and \$. Now I have time. Georgia and Jack Kegley, Will and I visited Kathy Mackie for a great weekend. We all live in the present. Good luck." **Sally Reed Anderson Bernays**: "Sorry I could not attend the Reunion. After going to work when I realized my husband Carlisle Blalock would soon die, I retired this year after working for 21 years. My husband of 16 years, Peter Bernays, and I enjoy not getting up "at the crack of dawn". My 4 daughters are all grown and have children and live all over the U.S. Sally Hudson Blalock Seidel SBC '72-daughter Emily, 16, Sacramento, CA; Patricia Louise Blalock Tinnin SBC '75-Bartlesville OK, 4 sons: Sr. Duke Univ. - Anthony; Sr. and National Merit Semi-Finalist Stephen; Robert Carlisle - 5th grade; Jacob 5; Carol north of Dallas in Fairview, TX - 2 boys 14 and 15, two girls 9 and 10; Lyle, Haverford, PA - 3 boys - 7, 5 and 4. I love being a grandmother."

Tsun-Hsien "Sunshine" Kwan Bhagat was "still recovering from my surgery of complete bowel obstruction. I have visited the famous Chi-Kang Master Zhao in Fremont, CA. He believes our body cells' signals change when abnormal cells are formed and block the Chi (energy) flowing. He can release his own Chi to your body and heal your illness. It works with me!" **Jean Randolph Bruns** "No real changes in the pleasant pattern, so no news for you." **Ruth Clarkson Costello**: "After 22 years, I am out of the loop re the Alan Watts Society for Comparative Philosophy. Still volunteer at Blue Lake Youth Camp, my 30th summer as 'Camp Nurse'. Still writing poems and feeding the homeless (four-legged variety). And I sing when no one is listening." **Janet Broman Dingle** described their trips, including her h.s. 50th, Larry's AF-WW II pilot reunion, and 10 days in England with Larry's 3 children and their spouses and 2 of his grandsons. "My daughter Cathy and family (5 children) visited us and then Cathy and I flew to Lubbock, TX to visit her sister, Sue, and family, including 1 yr. old twins (a girl and a boy) and two big brothers. A busy and fun filled summer with some golf thrown in. Now fall activities begin. My latest is Chairman of Meals on Wheels, plus church volunteer jobs. We look forward to the first 3 mos. of 1998 in Stuart, FL."

Mary Jane Eriksen Ertman and Gardner "are auditing a class at Wellesley College, playing a little tennis and enjoying the children and grandchildren. It will be great to see you in October (Highland Park H.S. Reunion) and catch up in person." **Mary Pease Fleming**: "We've been together with a bunch of SBC 51'ers: Hilton Head, SC Spring, 1997 visited Mary (Emery) Barnhill and Dick, got to see Dick's marvelous paintings; "West End" Ann (Sheldon) Taylor and Henry's country home in 9/97 with Mary (Emery) Barnhill and Dick, Jean (Stapleton) Hellier and Burgess and Kitty Belew '49. Also, 9/97, Rives and I spent golfing with Barbara (Birt) Dow and Bill - fun! **Patty Lynas Ford** wrote that they moved

into their "bit of Paradise," on 2.7 acres in Healdsburg, CA, 11/16/96 and have been remodeling, getting the property in order and entertaining guests including Ruth Costello who lives nearby, Julie and Dick Eastwood, Randi, and John Marks when he was in the Bay Area. Patty is volunteering and training dogs for the Healdsburg Animal Shelter. They enjoy the area's musical activities. Went to England and Scotland in June. **Sue Lockley Glad**: "We leave our summer home at Black Butte Ranch, OR and head home to Pasadena. Had a busy summer with children, grandchildren and guests. Quick trip to Seattle, as our son is a pastor there. We have a Mississippi riverboat trip in Oct. as Ned wants to refresh his memory about his Midwestern "roots". Then back to normal volunteering at the Los Angeles Zoo and the Huntington Library."

Lynne Mc Cullough Gush: "No news beyond our daily stroll with the dogs, who outweigh me and sometimes pull me down. No broken bones yet, probably due to ballet 3 days a week. Students are drifting along nicely. Adult students are more of a pleasure. Loads of house repairs, attributable to our living here 33 years. Did the oven and refrigerator have to break down simultaneously? Now we're new and shiny." **Angie Vaughan Halliday**: "Bob and I are in the years of travel. Our special interest is in locations for Bob's watercolor painting - he is a "pleine airtel" painter, and we take all his equipment with us. He had a painting in a national watercolor show in Taos so we had to go see it. We have 5 wonderful grandsons. I do taxes and accounting, as always." **Muff Marks Herbruck**: "What a wonderful moment for you - the Opening of the Globe! Congratulations. Bud and I have a wonderful book on tape - lectures on Shakespeare by Professor Peter Saccio. We thought of you while listening to it. I've been going to dressage shows with a lovely 9 year old mare and enjoying doing things I should have done when I was young. Oh, well." **Sue Ostrander Hood**: "Our 50th h.s. reunion brought classmates from far and near including M.J. Eriksen Ertman and Gardner. Thanks to our experience on "the steps" at SBC, Toddy and I were well prepared to write "Class of '47" words to "Sentimental Journey" and we made everyone endure at least three renditions! Lloyd and I had a hectic Thanksgiving with 10 houseguests including children and grandchildren from Seattle and Pawleys Island, SC."

Susan Taylor Hubbard: "Ran into **Joan Warren** at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Delaware (we are both birders). What a surprise! She looks great. We had a short visit. I have a grandson one year old, named Sam." **Katherine Phinizy Mackie** is "happy that Marcy was able to attend the Reunion last May. She will be especially missed at our JYF get together in France in June. I had 4 fun visitors this summer in mountain cottage near Roanoke - Jack and Georgia (Dreisbach) Kegley and Will and (Mona) Wilson Beard. I plan to see Sister Hayden D'Wolf and Cindy Wyman Richardson in Oct. I really enjoy these mini-reunions."

Joan Widau Marshall says every day in Sun City seems like a sunny summer Sunday. Two of their new acquaintances are friends of Marcy Staley Marks - "she had written each of us about the others. We were all devastated by Marcy's death." Joan reminisced about taking Marcy to a meeting of a Sherlock Holmes society in Chicago. "Out here in Phoenix there are no Sherlock Holmes, Richard III, or Jane Austen societies. Hap says I should start some, but then grumbles if I'm

too busy to play golf!" Joan plans to attend the Annual Meeting of the Richard III Society in Chicago in Oct.

Alicia Iznaga Mazzeo, who attended SB in 1946-47, writes, "After 50 years, I finally got in touch with 3 of my classmates! I wrote to the college for addresses. **Cora Jane Morningstar Spiller** came to FL with her husband, daughter and son-in law; she was my roommate. We had a typical Cuban lunch, reminisced for hours. **Ileana Garcia Carr** from Puerto Rico also visited. We had them to dinner, talked late into the night. We and both of them are planning to visit and stay at the Elston Inn next spring. **Gloria Gamble Chastine**, Wilmington, DE, visited Cuba and stayed with us. We have talked and written long letters. Blas, my husband (MIT grad) and I have 5 children: 3 boys - 2 girls, 11 grandchildren, all very talented. The oldest is at his grandfather's alma mater, engineering. From 47-51 I was at La Universidad de La Habana, married that same year, stayed in Cuba at a nickel processing plant, then back to Boston. Blas received a Master's Degree in electronics. He taught at the University of Miami, FL, for 2-3 years. In 1957 we moved to Fort Lauderdale, recently moved to Parkland, behind daughter's home, a beautiful area - the last stronghold of pine trees. Worden Willis, class of '75 is also in this area and promised to visit soon."

Ruth Oddy Meyer: "Don't seem to be slowing down except in my knees. Went on a 3 week African safari in May. Then 2 weeks in August at a ranch in WY riding horses (very bad for knees, but much fun). Now we are building a house all on one floor and hope to be in by Christmas." **Betty Browder Nibley**: **Ann Klepinger Mueller** and Paul joined our h.s. class for our 50th in April. I met **Julie Micou Eastwood** and her husband Dick in San Francisco for dinner in June. **Mary Kraus Pierson** flew up from Claremont to join us. We love our freedom to roam the globe. I thank the ALA (and American Univ) for sending me to SF occasionally." **Nancy Keen Butterworth Palmer**: John's illness and death last January has had me out of the loop for a while. By all reports, Reunion was great. I have 4 grandchildren, all close by in Nashville. Daughter Mary Coleman SBC'77 has a successful gourmet catering business and John, Jr. is newly come to the construction business. Renewed contact with **Joan Vail Thorne** has been a joy. Her recommendations on theatre in London were tops. Gardening, becoming a GCA judge in horticulture (not yet) - shades of Botany! and generally getting on with it best describes me."

Ruth Magee Peterson: "Staying home more as Walt has both Alzheimer's and macular degeneration - a very nasty combo! We are looking forward to two weeks of wandering with our Aussie friends. Still docenting (Zoo) and singing in St. Louis County Community Chorus - the rest on hold. **Terry Faulkner Phillips**: "Wes and I continue our bucolic bliss in the country, which is hard work too. We are preserving all that's good in nature, making the many acres into conservation land. Bear, deer, moose, smaller animals and water fowl are in abundance. I hope to see Toddy and other 51'ers for our 50th!" **Mary Semple Riis**: "My husband, Erling, of almost 43 years, and I live next door to Marriott's Grand Hotel, Point Clear, AL. If anyone stays at the Grand, look us up. Our five married children have given us 12 1/4 grandchildren, who visit us often to sail, water ski, fish and just enjoy this beautiful spot. Hurricane Danny gave us a scare and a ton of water in July. Erling had a

stroke but is compensating well for a weak right leg and foot. I see **Nedra Greer Stimson** often and **Carol Rolston Toulmin** occasionally. Sorry I missed Reunion. Hard to leave Erling alone."

Anne Sinsheimer wrote from LA airport en route to visit a nephew et al in Omaha. Last May she went to her h.s. reunion and visited friends NH to NJ, starting with Mot and George Anderson at their beautiful 1791 B&B in Wilton, NH. **Ann Sheldon Taylor** also wrote about the gathering at their farm in Louisa, VA. **Carol Rolston Toulmin**: "...still doing the same old things - church work, gardening, bridge, read voraciously and volunteer in an Episcopal retirement home. I should be a resident at my age, but they won't let me quit. My brother has come to live with me and he loves to work outdoors, so my acreage is always clipped and manicured. Went to my 50th convent reunion, so know it won't be long before the SBC 50th." **Joan Davis Warren**: "While birding in the wilds of Delaware, we pulled up behind a car with a VA license plate - and guess what? It was **Susan (Taylor) Hubbard**. We had quite a reunion there on the dike!" **Pinkie Barringer Wornham**: "Still living in La Jolla, CA and still, after 40 years, aware that we are transplanted Virginians. I am still doing Admissions at the Bishop's School ... our 3 children are gainfully employed. Wendy is a pediatrician in Cambridge, MA and has 4 little guys. Cindy is the PR manager for the J. Paul Getty Trust in Los Angeles. Tommy is Regional VP of Wells Fargo Bank in the San Francisco Bay area - two little boys, 5 and 7 1/2, giving us a total of 6 grandchildren. Tom and I are leaving for a fun trip rather than business to Hong Kong, Singapore, Vietnam and Thailand."

Ann Benet Yellott: "Hope to see you all for our 50th, which will also be my daughter's 25th. 'Til then - busy with grandchildren, dogs and horses and environmental issues." **Pat Barton**: "The opening of the Globe was thrilling, and the "Henry VI" production the most enjoyable Shakespeare I have ever experienced. When you are next in London, do go to the Globe - it will be well worth the visit. A new job still eludes me (?) - but I have found an apartment and hope to be settled by mid-January. Keep the thought of our 50th!"

1952 President: Mary Jo Ford Gilchrist,
Vice President: Frances Street
Smith, Secretary: Suzanne
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We had a wonderful reunion in May 1997. I enjoyed seeing so many of you and missed those who could not come.

Frances Street Smith says they still enjoy traveling and continue to volunteer and take trips to Sea Island and TX to keep up with their families. **Betsy Muhlenfeld** and **Mitchell Moore** brought a great turnout of alumnae in Chatanooga and were a big hit. **Brigitte Guttstadt** did some really exciting traveling, including Germany to see family and friends; the Hudson Bay area to see the Northern Lights; the Cayman Islands to snorkel; and New York during the Christmas Holidays. At home in Alexandria she still works part time and enjoys her very old cat. **Susan Otis Thompson** sent a copy of the new edition of her book "American Book Design and William Morris" which has been reprinted by the British National Library, formerly known as the British Museum, along with Oak Knoll Press. Our SB Book Shop would

be happy to order it for you (tel:800-381-6106). **Jane Ramsay Olmsted** left her job at the Sulgrave Club, and will do her own consulting on party management which is what she did there. Jane has a granddaughter, a child of her son James Olmstead, who lives nearby. She spent Christmas with her daughter Sallie in Santa Barbara, CA. Sallie is VP of Corporated Communications at MetaCreations, a software company.

Harriet Thayer Elder "loves her life" in NC, hiking in the mountains and working at a non-stressful place, with time to visit children and grandchildren. She visited **Martha Legg Katz** in MA and was awed by her marvelous sculptures, and had a lovely visit with **Mary Bailey** and John Izard when they came to Black Mountain. **Martha Legg** and Bill spent 7 wonderful weeks in France and Italy in the fall, went QE2 both ways. Her grandchildren have moved to Tacoma Park, MD so she plans to meet some alumnae while in DC. She says Joanne and George Patton's summer party for Sweet Briar families was as nice as ever.

Nell Grand is happy with her new modern house complete with tropical garden and palms on the patio. Christmas is now simple as all children and grandchildren can be together. She has many stepchildren and now grandchildren of her own. **Mildred O'Neal** writes from Henley-on-Thames, England, that they are "walking" and will have their tenth grandchild by the time you read this. They loved having the Izards for lunch. **Ginger Dreyfus Karren** runs bed and breakfasts in the heart of NYC, around Lincoln Center. She is swamped because of her competitive prices but would love to hear from, and see, old friends. Ginger would be a font of wisdom about the music scene as she was performing there after our graduation so many years ago and still retains her interest. Her younger daughter Lynn was married in May and older daughter Lisa is expecting her second child. She wishes they were closer than LA and TX. **Gail Swearingen** moved to a new home in San Antonio. One daughter lives in San Antonio, the other in Dallas. They have a son in New Canaan and six grandchildren. Harry still practices law. Gail says she hears about me from **Nell Dumas Herif**. Bob and I saw Nell and Augie in New York before our recent move and they are as busy, vital, and handsome as ever. In spite of a recent drought in San Antonio, and then terrible floods, they managed three weeks in South Africa in September. They see a lot of their three grandsons. **Gabrielle Maupin Bielenstein** and Hans still spend winters in NYC (even though he is retired from teaching Chinese at Columbia Univ.) and summers are in the house in VA where she grew up. Daughter Danielle, who graduated from Sweet Briar, is still at the Smithsonian in Washington and daughter Andrea works with an Interior Decorating firm in New York.

Cornelia Perkins Zinsser has moved to Cambridge, MA, and is "slowly settling into a new life in an old, familiar place." She has many friends there, but says "it does take a while," which was what I found when I first came to Charlottesville. **Nancy Hamel Clark** had a reunion with **Eulalie McFall Fenhagen** and **Carma Lindsay Burton**. Her next project is to get **Harriet Thayer** to visit. She has no travel plans as a trip to Turkey last spring was her "big effort" for a while. She received a card from **Benita Phinzy Johnson** telling of her trip to France and Spain at the time of reunion. Nancy is in touch with **Sally Gearhart** and was relieved that Sally was unscathed during a 9/97 protest against the logging of

the redwoods. **Benita Phinzy** reports two family weddings after Christmas 1998, that of **Laura Haskell Phinzy's** ('65) daughter and of **Kathryn Johnson Waller's** ('53) son. Benita works part-time as Marketing Assistant at church retirement community, volunteers at a speech school, still teaches piano, and walks 3 miles a day. She visited Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and is planning trips to the American West and Europe, including Budapest (where Miss Marik, our former Sweet Briar piano teacher was born).

Anne Hoagland and Jack had a great summer at the Jersey Shore and Cape Cod and planned Christmas at the Cape. Their children are in Wellesley and Avon, CT. They have 5 grandchildren who keep Anne busy whenever they are together. A trip was planned to South Africa in late Feb. **Laura Radford Goley** and Gene visited England and the American West. They have 7 grandchildren. **Pat Beach Thompson** and Calvin's travels are restricted this year because of his hip replacement. They were expecting their 5th grandchild. Pat played a cranky grandmother in "Moon Over Buffalo."

Joanne Holbrook Patton finished her prolific years on SB's Bd. of Directors and also won honors from local musical and businesswomen's groups. She and George hosted the annual SB picnic in spite of Joanne's knee replacement and serious surgery for both George Sr. and George Jr. Another new book, to which George Sr. contributed much material, is out - Brian Sabel's *The Fighting Pattons*. Daughter Helen had her first baby, son Ingmar; son Robert has had two new novels published; and youngest son Benjamin helped produce a CD of Gregorian chant from the abbey of Joanne's eldest daughter Margaret. (Called "Women in Chant," the CD is available from all music sources.)

Leila Booth Morris and Jim were busy with a Class of '45 USMA mini-reunion with a Caribbean cruise, with another planned in 1998; a Fort Bragg "Old Airborne Reunion"; and Jimmy's graduation from the National War College (and of course, our 45th). They made a genealogical pilgrimage to Aberdeen MS where a cousin told them many stories of Leila's ancestors. Daughter Catherine and her husband live in Greenville, NC, and Jimmy is stationed in Tampa, FL. There was a family reunion 6/97, and the children and all 5 grandchildren were together for Thanksgiving. **Pat Layne Winks** is still working very hard and vacationing often and was on her way to visit the new Getty Museum in LA. **Polly Plumb de Butts** and John attended an opera in Vienna with orchestra conducted by John's son. They also saw John's new grandson. Polly has 11 grandchildren herself. She left her DC government job and is a licensed Washington area tour guide, part time, which leaves time to volunteer at the White House reading and analyzing the President's mail. She is also president of the Shenandoah National Park's cooperating association.

Ann Trumbore Ream writes of her happy family including 11 grandchildren. She and George spent their 10th winter in Queen Valley, AZ. They 4-wheel with 5 other couples and have seen a lot of desert and Indian Ruins. **Grace Wallace Brown** says she and artist Regi Klein, who did the Sweet Briar House picture, hope to have the next picture in the series, the SBC Chapel in the snow, ready to be used as a 1998 Xmas card, with the SB Book Shop handling orders.

Jeann Caldwell Marchant has a retired husband and two little grandsons and a very busy volunteer life. This

includes the Hawaiian Humane Society and Hawaii Nature Center, and "still, the horsey stuff." Recent travels were to French Polynesia and a snorkeling expedition to the Marquesas and Puamotu. Next year they will probably hike in England. **Janis Thomas Zeanah**, although officially retired since 1995, continues as communications consultant and contributing editor to the Cancer Center magazine at the Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham. She and Charley have 9 grandchildren.

Becky Yerkes Roger's sons are scattered: Robert and family live nearby but Ford is project manager on the space station at Boeing, in California and Stephen is an Air Traffic Controller at Miami Center. Becky produced a slide program from Stephen's photos of their entire Church fenestration and is working on a booklet; has not done any Dames work since publishing a booklet in 1993.

My transition to Virginia was greatly eased by **Anne Forster Dooley**, who preceded me to Charlottesville last year. Jim is a retired attorney from Washington and came to Richmond with me when I was sworn in to the Virginia Bar. They have really helped us "navigate." I heard recently from **Sue Judd Silcox**, who is building a new house. I have had two delightful visits with **Elizabeth Sprague** in Lynchburg. We saw all the children and grandchildren in Dec. and my daughter and her husband plan to visit in May. We hope to have a more active alumnae club in Charlottesville, spearheaded by Nannette McBurney Crowds '57 who also recently moved here.

1953 President: Lisbeth Gibson Brooks,
Secretary: Kathleen Bailey Nager,
Fund Agent: Anne Elliott Caskie

This will be brief and the Class Notes Editor will love me if no one else does because there will be more room for news from other classes. All the news I received from the postcards you returned last spring was sent to our whole class in our own newsletter (the purple publication) in April so you would have it before reunion. This was ably edited, published and mailed by **Ginnie Hudson Toone** and we owe her a vote of thanks for doing a great job. You computer-niks know what Murphy's Law is, and she was able to triumph over great obstacles. She also included a list of names and addresses of all known classmates. We hope the list inspired you to call your old buddies and urge them to join you at reunion. At this writing, we're looking forward to a great 45th. For an opener we'll have our class picnic on Friday night at **Dale Hutter Harris** and Ted's home. Truly they are the hosts with the most(s). The whole weekend should be lots of fun with games and surprises. My trusty successor will recount reunion details in the next installment. Best wishes to her and thanks for the great honor of letting me be your class secretary these past years.

1955 President: Rebecca (Bexy) Faxon Knowles, Secretary: Ginger Chamblin Greene, Fund Agent: Audrey Stoddard

Once again, I'm sorry to have to start our news on a sad note. Our classmate **Mary Anne Love Morgan** died in January in Summit, NJ; and **Alice Emma (Mickey) Thune Parker** died on April 23. We send sympathy to both of their families.

A lot of us are still getting around in spite of gray hair and arthritis. **Betty Byrne Gill Ware** and Hudnall win the prize: they went to Costa Rica, France, and Italy, besides Chicago and Maine. They report three grandchildren. **Joan Kells Cook** runs a close second with trips to England, Scotland, New England, Georgia, California, and a planned expedition to Costa Rica. **Patsy Smith Ticer** took time off from helping run the Virginia Senate to go to London and Cornwall with Jack. She is expecting a new grandchild soon. **Pat Kilmer Norris** managed to get to Atlanta and Palm Springs before being slowed down by a broken hip. Hope your recovery continues uneventfully, Pat. Speaking of hips, **Bexy Faxon Knowles'** first replacement was so successful that she is planning a second one soon. (No, no, the other one—not the same one twice!) She plans to be playing tennis again by January. She and Bob divide their time between Maryland and Florida, plus spending several months each year on their boat. **Kathleen Peebles Pendleton** describes an SBC-sponsored tour to Ireland along with **Gail Davidson Bazarre**, and a trip to Alaska with **Camille Williams Yow** and her husband. Kathleen's daughter was recently named one of 10 outstanding young Atlantans—congratulations, Polly.

Nancy Douthat Goss and Woody spent a month in Africa, varying from a safari with bucket showers and no electricity to the elegance of Cape Town. They now have 4 grandchildren. **Betsy Stevens Sutton** and John spent a month in the Amazon and then went on a golf cruise along the southeastern US coast and Bermuda. They have two grandchildren and, she says, finally graduated their last enfant terrible from Cal State. More congratulations. **Susanna Bernard Odence** and Larry report a planned move to Cape Cod and a planned trip to Brazil and Uruguay in December.

Alaska and Costa Rica seem to be popular destinations this year. **Frances Bell Shepherd** and Jimmy are just back from Alaska and Calgary, and are going on the SBC trip to Costa Rica in December. **Mary Reid Simpson Daugette** and Forney are planning to be on the Costa Rica cruise too. **Diane Johnson de Camp** is planning her usual month in England looking at antiques. She says driving in England is a real adventure and I know just what she means—I'll never try it again. Her son recently won an AP/Scripps Howard first prize for news photography in *The Columbus Dispatch*. More congratulations. **Amanda McThenia Iodice** and Don are headed for Ireland and Scotland next year. **Elise Wachenfeld de Papp** has finally retired to spend more time riding. She's taking her horse to Florida in February, but before that she is off to Australia. **Mary Boyd Murray Trussall** and George had a wonderful time in Arizona in June but she says grandsons are even more fun—they have two. She had a pleasant reunion in the Berkshires with **Diane Hunt Lawrence** and Jimmy. **Babs Garforth Jackson** agrees that grandchildren are very enjoyable; she has four. She is just back from France and the Alps. She sees **Jeanette Kennedy Hancock** often in a volunteer group they both belong to.

Lydia Plamp Mower does volunteer work too. She recently retired and is enjoying her freedom to visit the grandchildren, take classes, do some gardening etc. She expects to see **Bar Plamp Hunt** and George at a family reunion in the fall. Other retirees include **Liz Keener Rector** & husband George. Their grandson is in great shape and so is her transplanted kidney. **Fritz Merriman Naylor** is still enjoying retirement and teaching adult

literacy. (Amanda says Fritz sent her an egg from the Faberge collection when it was in Cleveland but I'm not so sure.) **Tinker Beard** is still summering in Minnesota and wintering in Alabama, a good combination. She expects a Gulf visit from **Didi Stoddard**.

I have a lot of grandchild reports in addition to the ones I've already mentioned. **Betsy Miller Saylor** and Jack have a brand new one, bringing their total to three. **Ruth Campbell VanDerpoel** also has three and she enjoys roller skating with them. She's just packed up her house (after 31 years) and is looking forward to moving into a townhouse. **Sally Oberlin Stevens**, who wins the neat handwriting prize again this year, is anticipating their fifth grandchild in January. She still enjoys landscaping and sprucing up their home, and says "if I had known grandchildren were so much fun, I'd have had them first." **Camille Williams Yow** reports that **Pam Compton Ware** also has a new grandson. Camille and Lawson will be going to **Jane Feltus Welch's** niece's wedding, in the same church where Jane and her husband were married, and they plan to stay at **Ethel Green Banta's** Hope Farm in Natchez.

Meta Space Moore, who still plays tennis and golf and spends a lot of time in the NC mountains, claims nine grandchildren and asks if **Honey Addington Passano** still has nine also? Honey didn't mention any grandchildren, but reports that she visited SBC this fall and was horrified to find that they lock the dormitory buildings these days. Other members of the nine-grandchild club are **Peggy West Valentine** and Henry. **Renis Siner Paton** bought out her partner instead of retiring, and her daughter is now working with her. She has two grandchildren, and plans a visit soon with **Sue Lawton Mobley** and her daughter and grandchild.

Art and I haven't done much this year; his back surgery in March slowed him down considerably. He's better now, and we did manage to spend a few very pleasant days in Key West. And we have great plans for next year. Finally, many thanks to all of you who took the time to send back those postcards. Keep in touch.

1956 President: Nancie Howe Entenmann, Secretary: Meredith Smythe Grider, Macie Clay Nichols, Fund Agent: Janet Monroe Schumann

Greetings from your Kentucky connection! Since we recently received the magazine with last year's notes, we have a small response this time. We are all close to retirement, having grandchildren and traveling so we assume you are doing some of that and will tell us about it next year.

Nancie Howe Entenmann said the dedication of the Byrd Stone Memorial "Byrd's Nest" was a lovely event, also attended by **Hazel Herring Beshers** and **Jane Street Steele**. Jane said Nancie did a good job of representing us at the ceremony and that it was a memorable day. "Byrd would feel honored by the playground and is appropriately honored by it." Nancie has had a usual busy year going to England (and visiting **Ann Train Ross** who lives "on the canal bordering London") to see a son and daughter-in-law. They also visited children in Texas and Canada. This is only a partial list of their goings but we know they are never home. Nancie would love to hear from each of you with ideas and/or reactions (for or against) our next reunion. Please do let her

know. **Eve Altsheler Jay** was in England in October: London and Wales "which is beautiful." She has three grandchildren, three and under. **Louisa Hunt Coker** loved the tenting safari they took in Africa. They also toured the Greek Isles on a cruise and she states, "Retirement has its pluses." They welcomed their first grandson in April and that makes four grandchildren. **Nancy St. Claire Talley** says they too are traveling: Italy (fall), HI and the Bahamas (winter) and England (spring). Not bad! And a second grandson was due in Feb. **Bet Forbes Rayburn** is "still raising pine trees and grandchildren." An article in the *Richmond Times Dispatch* about **Helen (Turner)** and Tayloe Murphy detailed the work that they have done to put anti-erosion breakwaters along their Potomac River farm. It's apparently a new (but lo, expensive!) concept. Tayloe was described as "the chief voice in the Virginia General Assembly for protecting water quality and restoring the bay."

Debby Brown Stalker writes, "One of the highlights of the year was having **Carolyn Dickinson Tynes** appear at our door with a committee from the Garden Club of America." Debby and Peter have nine grandchildren and are excited about a new apartment at 475 Park in NYC to use as an eastern gathering place for family and friends. They will be in South America and London for the theater this year and in Santa Barbara planning their next trip! **Mary Koonz Gynn's** daughter got married last year and her son has presented her with her first grandchild, a boy. She is still into full time farming plus golf in the summer, tennis in the winter in Fort Wayne, IN. **Janet Monroe Schumann** is at Johns Hopkins University as the major gift officer for the School of Continuing Studies (Business and Education Divisions). She also had her first grandchild, a boy living in Santander, Spain with his parents. **Sara Enscoe Olsen** (Sally) continues to enjoy retirement and being involved as a Life Master at bridge, work with the Nature Conservancy, raising orchids, quilting and church work. She plans a fall trip to England. Texas news from **Peggy Pattillo Beckham** is that their son is finishing his residency in pediatrics in July and will move his family back to Abilene for his practice. Then she and Bob will have all four of their children and their families in the city which is great fun, although crazy and wild. "Therapy continues to be golf and fishing at Lake Brownwood." A long Christmas letter from **Barbara Darnall Clinton** in Houston details their busy times with travels, Dan's retirement, supporting the Texas A&M Aggies, the farm and their children. They have four grandchildren. Barbara had a case of shingles that took three months recovery time.

Meredith Smythe Grider is still involved in The Red Eye Gallery in MI. The store's name has to do with the Loon for which the building is decorated; the building also houses The Lonesome Loon, a men's store owned by our son-in-law and Afternoon Delights, a coffee shop, ice cream parlor and soon-to-be sandwich emporium. It's great fun! Paul has told me and his patients that he will be retiring 6/30 and I will be thrilled if it's true. He wants to continue medicine in another way and hopes to teach at the U. of L. School of Medicine. We have no grandchildren and no travel plans this year, but there is a future! and who knows! **Ann Allen** has been traveling—California, London, Middleburg—and added a guest room so she and Tom can welcome us all in shifts to her log house in SC. **Lottie Lipscomb Guttry** related a fabulous trip to China and Malaysia to celebrate their

40th anniversary. With son Robert practicing with John, they are freer to enjoy their 5 grandchildren, travel, and return home to Orlando.

Betsy Meade Hastings continues her editing of *Walk Through The Bible* and tutoring 3 Vietnamese children and their mother. They plan to return to Ireland/England this summer. Son, Don, is in a family practice residency and son, Chris, is working on his Masters in Horticulture at Cornell. Also traveling with abandon are **Kay Smith** and Bob Shauer in their RV for 4 months from AK to MA. Bob has been diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma and we send our healing wishes to him.

Peggy Ann Rogers returns to campus for SB Library Board meetings twice a year. She has filled retirement with tutoring and assisting deaf and hard-of-hearing students and lots of travel to NYC, D.C. and England for July and August with an added trip to the capital cities of Europe. **Jane Black** and David Clark spent time in France barging and touring Provence and were in Paris the week of Di's crash. All 16 progeny attended an activity-filled Thanksgiving at Marco Island. **Carolyn Dickinson Tynes** was in CA on a horticulture-related trip and had surprise meetings with **Debby Brown Stalker** and **Jolly Urner**, headmistress of a private day school. Both look great. **Pryde Brown** visited Atlanta, and Carolyn, **Weesie Mandeville Grant** and **Leila Thompson Taratus** enjoyed a mini-reunion. **Joyce Lentz** and Hugh Young spent Christmas in CA with the entire family and Hugh continues to do well. She reported that **Brucie Bordley Gibbs'** husband died from lung cancer and we send our love to her.

Betty Pierce Bradshaw and Jack celebrated 40 years of bliss at Sea Island where they honeymooned. Three children and 2 grandchildren all live in Houston. Betty and Jack are active in Faith Alive, a lay ministry of the Episcopal Church. **Louise Gault** spends days enjoying the view from her "final" home—a new NYC apartment overlooking gardens and a river, but has left for views of France, England, Greece as well. She continues doing editorial consulting and invites us to visit...brave girl!

The Nichols group and assorted, select friends enjoyed the sixth June in St. Remy submerged in all the charm of Provence...Magnifique! No plans for retirement here as long as there are buyers for bonds and houses, but we love to travel to FL to visit Martha and Eric. This fall we tour Turkey, assuming there is some calm.

1957 President: Carol McMurtry Fowler, Secretary pro tem: Jane Fitzgerald Treherne-Thomas, Fund Agents: Cynthia Wilson Ottaway, Anne Wilson Rowe

Dear and wonderful Class of '57, your cards were full of exciting news. Many of us are still thinking of our terrific Reunion — in the words of **Diane Duffield Wood**, "There is nothing more rewarding than getting together with good friends and just having a wonderful laugh after the passing of years." So start planning for 2002. And now for the news: On 3/1 an important one-woman show in Birmingham, featuring the work of our own **Sandra Stingily Simpson**, drew art cognoscenti from the 4 corners of the globe including **Roberta Malone Henderson** (Glenview, KY) who is now Chairman of the Board of Scenic America in Washington, and **Nancy Shuiford Dowdy**, who is enjoying retirement with excit-

ing travels and six grandchildren. Sandra also received many messages of congratulation from members of our class. An SBC trip to Greece and Turkey in the autumn will be joined by an impressive group from '57. On board will be: **Sandra Stingily Simpson**, **Margery Scott Johnson** and Earl, **Nannette McBurney Crowdus** and Bill, and **Lee Haskell Mack** and new husband Charlie. Margery and Earl are celebrating the arrival of a 6th grandchild; Nannette and Bill are new residents of Madison, VA and look forward to visitors. Lee and Charlie were married in December, cruised the BVI's on their wedding trip. Lee made a side trip to FL to visit **Stella Moore McClintock** and Jock in Vero Beach. **Peggy Liebert Dobbins** welcomed a new grandchild courtesy of son Blair and wife Janet in Arlington. **June Heard Wadsworth** recently completed writing a Volunteer Handbook for the newly accredited Old Lyme, CT Fine Arts College, enjoyed her yearly sailing trip to the British Virgin Islands, and will spend the summer of '98 on Block Island with visits from family. **Susan Ragland Abrahamson** and husband spend as much time as possible in FL on Longboat Key painting and writing, and look forward to seeing **Kay Tilghman Lowe** and Jim while there. **Page Phelps Coulter** asks, "Has everyone bought a copy of my latest book of poetry, *New England Weather*, published by Mellen Press and available via E-Mail through Amazon Books, for which my daughter Emilie writes children's book reviews?" **Enid Slack** loves Denver but travels constantly: Paris, remote villages in New Mexico, Washington DC, NY, the '97 Kentucky Derby with **Marguerite McDaniel Wood** and **Jane Feltus Welch** '55, and a visit with **Ruth Ellen Green Calhoun's** sister Ethel '55 this past winter. **Lainy Newton Peters'** travels took her to New Orleans in Apr. and England, Scotland and Wales in Sept. Son Mark Dickinson and bride Letizia are in Baltimore: assistant astronomers at the Space Telescope Science Institute. **Diane Duffield Wood's** beloved bookstore closed in June. Last summer she attended her 45th high school reunion and visited her 3 children. Diane has seen **Lee Haskell Mack** and Charlie: "He is terribly nice." **Diana Robin**, Director of Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies at UNM "Loved Reunion." A recent book, *Collected Letters of a Renaissance Feminist*, was published by U. of Chicago Press in summer '97. Her latest work, *Redirecting the Gaze: Gender, Theory and Cinema in the Third World*, publisher SUNY/Albany will be in your local bookstores in Oct. **Sydney Graham Brady** spent this spring visiting: first a visit in Charlottesville with a friend who is Saunders Director of The International Center for Jefferson Studies, then to SBC, Williamsburg and Washington. She loves being retired, having time to whittle away on her "to do" list. **Carolyn Swift Fleming** (Omaha) writes of: the August '98 wedding of son Will to Kelly Woods, a trip to France - Paris first then on to Normandy, Brittany and the Loire Valley, and birth of grandchild Nicole Marie. **Jane Pinckney Hanahan**, President of the Historic Charleston Foundation, enjoyed our Reunion. In July '97 her 2nd grandson was born; in July '98 youngest daughter Anne married Walter Dale Blessing. **Elaine Kimball Carleton** and Sam visited her in Mar. **Marguerite McDaniel Wood** and George returned in Mar. from a trip to the Cayman Islands and Marguerite took off for a "girly houseparty in Sea Island." She is busy with grandchildren, the latest boy/girl twins; and she joined Enid Slack in June for a trip to a CA Spa. In May **Chris Smith Lowry** and Britt drove "out West" from Charlotte, NC on a two-month-long trip taking the Northern route

to Wyoming, down to the Grand Canyon and home the Southern route. **Chips Chao Pai** had a double exhibition of her nature photography AND her Bonsai at the Gallery One, Montclair State U., from whence she has retired after 28 years. Chips is trying her hand at writing a novel, and is presently serving on a committee to study diversity at SBC. **Barbara Tetzlaff** tells of a hair-raising trip to Machu Pichu while visiting Peru, but the sights, sunrise and moonlight on the mystical, magical ruin "were worth the effort." Incredible trips to 5 Third World Countries in a year and a half plus a visit to the new Getty Museum opening have given **Ann Frasher Hudson** a true feeling for the "Global Village." Ann is still involved with the Aspen Institute and Aspen Music Festival and expects to visit Paris and Bilbao in Spring '98. **Carolyn Scott Arnold** was sorry to miss Reunion but will definitely come for the 45th. 6 children and 15 grandchildren add to her full, busy, happy life in Honolulu. **Elaine Floyd Fisher** with daughter Evangeline visited SBC while in VA for Christmas '97 and found the beautiful SBC Chapel the only building open. She has been busy settling the affairs of her mother who died in late 1996. **Elaine Kimball Carleton**, Sam and daughter Elizabeth had an "eventful" 3 weeks in India in 12/97. Son George is a film-maker, lives in Hollywood. The Carletons visited Charleston, SC in Mar for a prenuptial oyster roast given by **Carol Weitzel Rivers** and Buist for **Jane Pinckney Hanahan's** daughter Anne. **Polly Spessard Cooper** (Richmond) is breeding and showing Bichon Frise "doggies, plus golfing, gardening and traveling." She misses good intellectual stimulation from SBC types. **Mimi Chapin Plumley** and Allan missed our Reunion; they were on a trip to Switzerland. Their youngest son is engaged and their 5 grandchildren are all stars. Mimi plans to take up golf soon. **Aileen Laing** was lecturer for the Garden Club of VA trip to England in May, then traveled on from London to Singapore to visit a cousin, then onward to Thailand, Bali and Java. **Mary Anne VanDervoort Large** and Bob spent 24 days touring Southeast Asia in early spring: "Although the area is experiencing economic problems, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand appear prosperous. The Nepalese were warm and friendly, offsetting the chill we felt reading John Krakauer's *Into Thin Air*." **Dagmar Halmagyi Yon** says she plans to retire after all her appliances and her car are repaired. El Nino almost drowned her area but no real damage was done. Our hearts go out to **Mary Landon Smith Brugh** whose wonderful husband Lynn died in 11/97 "peacefully at home." Peewee has been busy with the details of being executrix, and auditing some courses at SBC. In May she and sister **Helen Smith Lewis** '54 joined 2 cousins for a London trip. **Bess Bundy Taft** married her childhood sweetheart in '91; they have moved 3 times since then. The latest and (she hopes) last hometown is Schenectady, NY. Their 5 grandchildren are all bright and wonderful. Bess is active in her church music and worship, plays bridge and golf, is happy and well. **Jane Campbell Englert** had a year's sabbatical and retired in June. She has been travelling and seeing grandchildren; saw **Lou Wallace Wilemon** in CA in Jan.; hopes to see **Marjie Whitson Aude** this summer. Marjie writes that she and Fritz love their new house but traveled most of summer '97. They saw daughter Lucy in DE, son Carl in Hampton, son Mark in Boston, Lois in IA and Laurie in Batavia, IL. Nancy lives just 10 minutes away, works on the farm. They celebrated their 40th anniversary with a family party. **Carol McMurtry Fowler** faxed me the following: "With the computer and

the Internet and the ability to tap into the fabulous U. of TX library system, I spend considerable time at home doing research for my former bank employer in Boston and other clients. I anticipate selling our Lake property, the family resort, and two riverboats next year. Dudley will probably buy another boat and explore the Mississippi and Intercoastal canal; I'll join him at selected ports." **Beth McMahon Tolbert** has been awarded the Mary Baker Rumsey Lifetime Commitment Award by the Oklahoma City Junior League. The award recognizes her volunteer efforts which include the Okla. City Memorial Task Force Design Solicitation committee, Okla. City Arts Commission and the U. of Okla. board of visitors. One of the highlights of my past year was a week in New York in Feb. seeing plays, old friends and featuring a performance at Carnegie Hall by the Pittsburgh Symphony with its brilliant new music director, Maris Jansons. Trips to VA and Cape Cod added to the joy of summer. Thank you for taking time to send the news that keeps '57 rolling toward the next Reunion. See you in 2002.

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President: Courtney Gibson
Pelley, Secretary: Ann Pegram
Harris, Fund Agents: Ann Young
Bloom. Betsy Smith White

Hey y'all, lovely to hear from you (where is Sue Pohl? RSVP)-except we lost three husbands last year. Sally Beattie Sinkler, Tina Hopkins Raine, and Marcia Payne Grant all did, and we are so sorry.

Let's talk happier notes-Reunion happens 1999, so circle wagons and calendars and plan to come along. Please! (You do not have to be thin or rich or glamorous, but we'll love you even if you are...) We need a witty skit, and all to bring white gloves and little hats-remember them? In a fit of enthusiasm, **Betsy Smith White** offered to help put on a little Reunion planning thingy in Charlottesville-ok pet, when?

President **Courtney Gibson Pelley** kindly typed her postcard full of Reunion "y'all come's," and of Pelley trips to Russia, Scandinavia, London, beach house, and San Francisco, and a Brick Wall around their Arlington courtyard for *that birthday*, the one also mentioned with astonishment by many-let's just call it 39, okay?

Caroline Green wrote us all a sweet postcard saying hello, and how much she enjoyed the Sweet Briar mail. **Ann Hearin** in Mobile is working in a chic kitchen shop and zips over to Europe some, too. **Penny Fisher Dunclee** and Sir "are now LEAFERS" having driven 1000 miles in New England to see leaves! They live in Arizona.

Alice Cary Farmer Brown led a Garden Club of America trip to "glorious Charleston" and then wrote happily of the SBC Donor Weekend in Philadelphia. (Yes, child, they'll give you a dinner if you mail them bags full of money.) Grand, lovely, perfectly run by our own 'lil **Ann Young Bloom**. They and **Betsy Smith W.**, **Judy Sorley Chalmers**, and **Mary Harrison Cook Carle** all NEVER stopped talking. Imagine!

Snowdon Durham Kisner re-united with **Jane Jamison Messer** and her mom, **Sarah Callison Jameson**, SBC '29, and sent a cute picture. Miz K. is "really enjoying life in Shepherdstown," busy there and going to be a grandmother! Also had April in Paris, and England and Scotland. Love ya.

Pat Chandler Burns of Rome (Georgia) has precious grandbabies, and "RV'd to Minnesota last summer." That is a long way, baby. **Vivian Butler Scott** was "still jet lagged from two wonderful weeks in Turkey." **Mary Ballou Handy Ballentine** in Richmond sent us a beautiful photograph (hope it gets printed) of beautiful **Sorrel Mackall McElroy**, **Sally Armfield McMillion**, **Lizora Miller Yonce**, **Mary Ballou**, **Mary Blair Scott Valentine**, **Gay Hart Gaines**, and **Tab Thorton Farinholt**.

Deborah Dunning is thriving in Durham and starting a new business of ecologically sound furnishings. She was here in Atlanta for the Jr. League Christmas show and had driven with **Betsy Brawner Pittman** and **Marcia Brown Lyle**. She kept saying "Sweet Briar women really do keep well!" With good reason...

Pet **Nina Hopkins Raine** wins the Grandmommy sweepstakes with !!!9!!! "I am so lucky"-but still dislikes turning-er-39. **Jane Jamison Messer** took Mom through Sweet Briar again, visited Snowdon again, then married off son Scott 'in the Maine Woods, outdoors, near **Lynda Knickerbocker Ford's** summer spot." I guess Lynda wouldn't let them inside. Jane's spouse Judge Frank is in his second-six year term; Jane's hair is all back and all white, there are three grands and two more expected, and the kids took them on a Birthday Cruise last Spring. That was a BIG postcard.

Jane Moore Banks in Maryland is having twins-grand-twins-in December, all nearby and they will be 6! Six!! **Evelyn Moore Horton** in Winston Salem wrote a happy, hard to read note about seeing **Alice Cary**, turning 39, and busy family stuff. TYPEWRITER TIME FOR ALL OF US. **Judy Nevins LeHardy** and the captain wrote a book, *Once Around*, it is in the Sweet Briar bookstore and book's NOT DRY. They sold *Cormorant*, bought a sloop, got grandchile #7, hunt a Place To Settle, and when bored with this idleness, golf, tennis, and bicycle. A gorgeous photo of Our Preacher, the Reverend **Fleming Parker Rutledge**, and a news article to tell of her guest preaching and teaching in Grosse Pointe Easter week. I can't smart off about something so fine. **Marcia Payne Grant** is staying in Hendersonville NC, busy with friends and volunteer work and four children and 8 grands.

Bambi, Rew Price Carne, has fled California for Venice (Florida) and built in a golffy place there, "Tampa area." She retired briefly and soon signed up for "temp work" and bridge lessons. Lookout, world....**Rachel Bok Goldman** keeps building..."almost done" in Maine, and in Chicago her Allen not yet retired; grandchild #3 soon due. Rachel, that has to be SOME house.

Ginny Robinson Harris had Whitney's (SBC '88) wedding in their Highlands, NC house; the Younguns live and work in Charlotte. Ginny lost a parent and turned er...39; Jerry is taking her on a regroup trip soon. (We know) **Barbara Sampson Borsch**, a Pet, is still in LA after-gasp-9 years. "A record." She raises Good Works money and is rather tired of it. (We know). Trips-Korea! Berkeley board meetings and Egypt! where son Stuart is dissertating, apparently in Arabic. Barbara dined with **Isa Mary Lowe Ziegler** and Bishop Alruiz last May and "hopes for another sighting soon."

Anne Smith Heist, still in Florida, was arranging floors at a GCA zone meeting and attending the Judging workshop in Sarasota, looking good. (Anne and her work) Tab **TARDY Thornton Farinholt** just sent a cheery postcard of halloos and busy life-five grandbabies, teaching, and so forth. **Mary Blair Scott Valentine** is loving all 6 grandchildren, summers at Kiawah, and Realtor

career, hooray. **Betsy Smith White** also wrote of Philadelphia and maybe Charlotte thingy. She has five grandbabies and probably wants to show them off.

Judy Sorley Chalmers does a lot of Medical Missionary work now, with her daughter; mostly in Ecuador and Panama. Two children in Atlanta (2 babies!); and 1 in NYC. "All is well." So glad. **Polly Space Dunn** sends hugs, her daughter Elizabeth wed last summer and lives in NYC. She saw Nina and Lizora in summer, and says also, "Lucky me!" I am truly touched by how many classmates wrote of their happy lives and good fortune. "Lucky we."

Mary Todd Singh and Jaswant go to Bangalor India soon to set up an office for Liberty Mutual International; didn't say for HOW LONG. Keep us posted! **Dede Ulf Mayer** in Erie, PA has two married sons in Virginia and sends you all love. **Judy Welton Sargent** in Delaware, leaves there a lot. She has reported Prague Budapest, and Vienna; and **Anne Hufendick's** daughter's Texas wedding; and Hong Kong and Shanghai; and adding on to the house "now the children are grown and the dog died, but it seems like a good idea."

Ali Wood Thompson did a lot of Grandmom duty and a lot of hula hoop fun. **Lucia Woods Lindley** had a big photography show in Chicago and Evanston, and sees **Gretchen Smith Falk** and also has four grandchildren. Nice note from Miz Bloom (Ann Young): "SBC president is a winner." So are you all.

In Atlanta, "Living Room Learning" goes on for the 28th popular year, a ten or so week set of college level lectures, non credit, and comfortable. The local club also now has "Daisy's Birthday" as the annual party. Byron and I have five perfect funny brilliant grandchildren. He retired, and broke a few major bones so I said TCH! And took dtr. Miss Pooh on our cruise to Egypt, Turkey, Israel, and Greece. Brought B. a stuffed camel-he's a good sport (a very small stuffed camel). Selah. Miss Ann

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As I hear from you all, I look forward to our 40th reunion in the year 2000 with ever-growing anticipation ... hope to see every one of you there.

Nancy Beekman Carringer reports many changes in Monmouth Jct., NJ. She and Don moved from their farmhouse to a townhouse, Nancy's teaching job moved to a new school and they welcomed their 4th grandchild. **Barba Bowen Moore** and Clay, in Atlanta, are painting in their twin studios while Barba plans a trip to France with **Becky Towill McNair** and other childhood friends turning 60. **Starr Bullis Lafayette** is busy on the farm in Pikeville, TN, raising corn and cattle and breeding their pet goat while building a new house and renting out a newly built cabin.

Lura Coleman Wampler feels retirement nearing as some of her chemistry students at the Shipley School in Bryn Mawr are children of former students! Lura is grateful to be teaching in the age of advanced technology and, for a well rounded life, to be boarding horses with her husband at home on the farm. **Nancy Corson Gibbes** reports the addition of a son-in-law and a grandchild to their family. She and Joe traveled to China, visiting with

Jane Headstream Yerkes in LA on the way. George and I ran into **Ann Crowell Lemmon** and her family while on a Thanksgiving visit to Tryon, NC. She and Phyz love having their grown children still in Atlanta and keep in close touch with **Keating Griffiss**, **Linda Sims Grady**, **Nina Wilkerson Bugg**, **Barba Bowen Moore** and **Ann Smith Bretscher**. **Lee Cullum** still writes a column for the *Dallas Morning News* and is a regular commentator for the "News Hour with Jim Lehrer" and "All Things Considered". She was honored as a Distinguished Alumna by Highland Park High School in Dallas, was Alumna in Residence at SBC 10/97 and is the proud Grandma of Lili, born 3/97. **Donna Kerkham Grosvenor** and **Chris** continue to love Santa Fe where Donna teaches yoga and holds sacred site retreats. Son, Hovey, works in documentary films there and daughter, Lexi, is in Med School in NC. **Gail Hayman Wilson** teaches h.s. social studies while son, Collier is a student at Colgate and daughter, Wendy, is at Wellesley. **Jane Headstream Yerkes** and Leonard were married 8/9/97, and Jane commutes between LA, where he works, and Seattle, where she maintains her decorating business and is president of the Seattle Garden Club. In Lexington, VA, **Judy Jenks Pearse** and Monte work in private practice and community outreach treating addictions. They also spend time at their home on Martha's Vineyard. **Annie Laurie Martin**, in Washington, DC, writes of the joys of the holiday season, friends, outreach and Bible teachings.

The lives of **Adrianne Massie Hill** and Mal are filled with music, golf, bridge, travels from Seattle to Maui, Mexico and Italy, as well as A's full time position at the US Bank. Highlights are visits with the Puseys and Erdmans in Seattle and New York and **Jane Headstream's** wedding. **Elizabeth Meade Howard** has turned her ample talents to photography and particularly enjoys leaving Charlottesville and taking to the streets of NYC. From faraway Hong Kong, **Katie Mendelson McDonald** reports that things are quite the same there following July's handover. She and Jack made a few trips to Spain and Katie came over to Palm Beach for Thanksgiving. **Jean Morris Stevenson** and Don win the "travelers award": ID and MT for fly fishing, their ranch in TX, Bermuda, CO, Italy and their mountain retreat in NC ... I had a case of jealousy/jet lag reading her card. **Barbara Murphy Hale** is busy as Exec. Director of the YWCA in Annapolis and as a new grandparent. Visits with family in El Paso, Chicago and St. Petersburg and sorties on Phil's new sailboat provide ample travel. **Ginger Newman Blanchard** and Bob are in contention for the "traveler award". '97 destinations were Mexico, Charleston, Savannah, Bermuda and the Canadian Rockies and National Parks - and '98 began with Australia and New Zealand. When not on the road, Ginger is busy with tennis, golf, the Historical Society and Garden Club, all the while maintaining their beautiful farm.

I enjoyed a visit with **Charity Paul** when she visited DC to perform with the NY Festival Chorus. Charity maintains a busy practice in psychotherapy. **Ellen Pringle Read** and Mayo are busy with their travel agency and the travel opportunities it affords, and love their new home on Marsh 30 outside Charleston. They enjoy visits from their two sons and three grandsons, and see **Louise Jenkins Maybank** and David often. A first grandchild was born to **Anne Rienecke Clarke**. Anne continues her work in market research and has an Amazon cruise and visit to Machu Picchu planned for 3/98.

She and **Gwen Speel Kaplan** live only 1 1/2 mi. apart and they and their families see a lot of each other. **Elizabeth (B.) Schwab** and Don report from St. Louis that their Rhodesian Ridgeback has been in the top 10 the last two years - and they also can boast an adorable grandson, their first grandchild! **Linda Sims Grady** has seen France, Turkey and Greece in '97 as well as welcoming a new granddaughter in Nov. She teaches in Atlanta during the week and relaxes on Lake Keowee in SC on the weekends

Ann Smith Bretscher plans a Sept. retirement and will then learn to fly the 4-seater Velocity plane her husband has built and spend more time with their grandchildren. **Sue Styer Ericksen** still owns a farm, boards horses and teaches and coaches at shows. She skied with **Bessie Bulkley Bradley** ('61) in Jackson Hole and Crested Butte and plans a 2/98 trip to Austria. Much of '97 saw **Jane Tatman Walker** travelling within the US to visit family members. A business conference in Atlanta enabled her to see **Nina Wilkerson Bugg**, **Ann Crowell Lemmon** and **Barba Bowen Moore**. Though the winter months are spent on a golf course near Sarasota, Jane laments the lack of improvement in her game. **Becky Towill McNair** writes: "The house building goes on. Our youngest keeps us occupied with wedding plans. Two brand new granddaughters take up the rest of the time. Going to play baby nurse in Germany will certainly test my skills."

Tests at the Mayo Clinic revealed a disorder **Sally Underhill Vault** has suffered, undiagnosed, since her teens. Then, treated and healthy after 6 1/2 months, she enjoyed a visit to DC to see a close friend sworn in as Ambassador to the Court of St. James. **Isabel Ware Burch** and Bob love life at the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria, VA. They travel to see children and an ever-growing number of grandchildren all over the US. **Heidi Wood Huddleston** commutes from Bowling Green, KY to Nashville, where she's with a company providing a continuum of care for seniors. She writes with pride of husband, Joe's, judicial accomplishments and daughter, Kristina's, earning of her law degree ... the fourteenth Huddleston to do so!

George and I continue in our framing, lobbying and stage pursuits and love seeing classmates from time to time. We travel often to visit our children and grandchild. More often, we visit fragile parents in NC and NH. Our love to all of you - Beam.

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Grand to hear from all, and what an assortment of projects and activities! My predecessor, **Simone Aubry**, offered good advice, and sent 2 articles of interest. The first was another tribute to **Molly Haskell**, who, for *Modern Maturity's* issue on film stars over 50, observed that "movie goers are voting down the retirement of stars in their 40s and 50s." Of course, we pre-Boomers like seeing films about people like us, who have a lot to offer. The second article, from *People*, featured "plus model" Emme. Emme and her plus model brother are the children of **Sally Owens Entwistle**, who died of cancer in 1979. Simone has spent time in the hospital, fought off "staph" infections, and is swimming in her

new lap pool again. She assures us she will be well eventually, and is in "great" shape emotionally and spiritually. She keeps up with **Molly Pickering Grose**, who works for the preparatory school she attended in NYC. **Patti Anderson Warren** visited Simone and her cats, then **Ginger Lutz Stephen** in Spartanburg, then **Celia Williams Dunn** in Savannah. Her more regular travel is to her and Robert's weekend home near Lake Tahoe, for snow or water skiing. Their grandson Aiden is 4 days younger than Ginger's granddaughter Lauren. **Sara Finnegan Lycett** continues to work with the College's Board of Directors on the strategic plan and the campus master plan for Sweet Briar's next 100 years. On her way to and from Sweet Briar, she spends time as a docent at the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore and sees her 7 grandchildren. She was in London last spring. Also spending time at Sweet Briar was **Catherine Caldwell Cabaniss**, who spent April at the VCCA, rejoicing both in uninterrupted time to work and the fellowship with visual artists, writers and musicians from across the States as well as abroad. **Susan Cone Scott's** moved to a new house, one block from the one she sold last Dec. She continues teaching at the VA School of Massage, and has added a couple of classes at UVA Medical School. She visited son Frederic in Texas and "hangs out late" to hear daughter Alexandra sing. **Susie Prichard Pace** and George stay plenty busy with their grandchildren, the youngest of whom is "a little gorilla." **Mary Denny Scott Wray** and Michael live outside Santa Barbara, CA, and are "all over the place, enjoying children, grandchildren and projects." She's in VA to work at Poplar Forest. **Judy Greer Schultz** works with **Mary Denny**, and also helps in development for the VCCA. She's an excited new grandma. **Judith Harris Cutting** and Tom had short-term work in both Chicago and Raleigh, and travel to Madison, WI to see their only grandson, and to Dallas to visit their daughter Heather. Now that Tom's a retired Presbyterian minister, they're discovering weekends and late Saturday nights! Up the pike, **Willia Fales Eckerberg** is never bored in Washington, where she's a realtor and enjoys seeing lots of **Rue Wallace Judd**. Last year she spent 10 days in Tuscany, concentrating on porcini mushrooms and frescoes. Her eldest son, John, married a lawyer in August in the Swedish archipelago—both work in Stockholm. **Emily Whaley Whipple** sent a photo of herself, now a resident of the Yeamans Hall Club near Charleston, SC, and **Fee Fee Matthews Kinnicutt**. They got together for golf when Fee Fee made it to the third round of match play in the USGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship at Miss Em's Club. Miss Em noted Fee Fee's athleticism, courage, good sportsmanship and stories about SBC. If you can catch her at home, **Claiborne Smith Jones** works with the Associates Board of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender at Stanford, does some acting, reading, and then plays tennis. She and her Dad, 92, cruised to Norway, and with her husband she visited Spain and New Zealand. Also in NZ last April was **Anne Worboys Buske**, visiting an exchange student from h.s. Anne and her husband visited their daughter Rachel, an exchange student at the U. of New South Wales too. Daughter Dana does grad work in chemistry at MIT. **Lucinda Lowry Stein's** still a Master Gardener at the Missouri Botanical Garden, but spends Mondays with first granddaughter Emma, and by now, possibly Tuesdays with daughter Leslie's new baby. She and Ron took a winter break in the Dominican Republic. **Margaret Storey Wasson** happily retired 7/97 and now she and Ed can see more of

his daughters, both in CO. **Fran Brackenridge Neumann's** idea of "retirement" is two part-time jobs, one as a Unitarian Church's director of outreach. She's trying her hand at poetry and gardening. She visited England and France in summer '97 and did some "leaf peeping" back east. In Tahlequah, OK, **Barbara Stanford Mason** has her oldest daughter, Ruth Anne, back from 16 months of mission in the Philippines. Her youngest, Beth Louise, who was involved with school and local theatrical productions, is now in college. Barbara does some substitute teaching. **Patti Amanda Birge Spivey** moved to NYC, where her husband Bruce is president of Columbia Cornell Care. Patti hopes to run into SBC friends. Now for the overseas contingent. **Suzanne Carr Fitzgerald** has been in Guyana for 8 years, and doesn't see her children or 3 grandchildren enough. She "piddles in pottery", tries to teach it to friends, and "I need a teacher!" Athenian **Anne Semmes Stavropoulos** returns yearly to the States to visit her San Antonio siblings and sons. Paulos (Denver) is a computer instructor and father of two. Pilot Alexis (San Francisco) and his fiancée had a "wonderful island wedding here last summer" and is a new father. Anne volunteers lots with therapeutic riding. From Caen, France, **Robin Wawro Bataillon** continues as an interpreter with the Court of Appeals, while her husband has a consulting civil engineering firm. One son's a doctor, the other heads an American press (?) group there. Being a grandmother twice is "total bliss"; and she still golfs and thinks of SBC. It's been a month and a year since wedding bells rang out for **Sally Hamilton Staub** and Charlotte banker Tom Moore. Sally left Discovery Place, and they merged 4 houses into 2, the 2nd in the NC mountains. Tom contributed 2 Scotties, and Sally 2 children and 2 grandchildren; they have "wonderful fun" together. Your secretary spent her 25th anniversary taking minutes of the local civic group, assisted by husband Jean (fast talkers) and is now secretary of the Friends of Maryland Art. Let's all give thanks for each other, SBC, and all the talents and blessings recorded here.

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By the time this appears, many, I hope most, of us will have seen each other at reunion, and will have exchanged a great deal more news. This edition comes to you from beautiful downtown Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico, where I am joining John on his Fall 1997 sabbatical. I'm enrolled in four classes in language, modern Mexican issues and literature.

The Atlanta mini-reunion has established itself as an annual event, and now appears to have regional appeal. Joining the crew in spring 1997 was **Penny Pamplin Reeves**, who journeyed over from Greenville, and who has since moved to Lexington, KY, where she heads up fund-raising for the local library. Others were **Sue Jones Cansler**, who is still the project manager for a software development company, and enjoys the label of oldest and most senior staff member. She enjoyed a "girls' only" trip to England with her mother and sister. Also in tow was **Sarah Hitch Hill**, whose book "Weaving New Worlds," about Southern Cherokee women and their basketry will be on sale when we get to reunion. **Olive Wilson Robinson**, **Judy Johnson Varn**, and **Nancy**

Dixon Brown also attended. Nancy writes that her oldest is a freshman at Elon College in NC. As you may suspect, the reunion was orchestrated by **Betty Stanly Cates**, during her annual visit to Atlanta. Betty subsequently attended Alumnae Council at SBC and then took off for two weeks in Paris and Provence. **Prue Gay Stuhr** congratulates Betty for her reunion recruitment efforts, and says she continues to be engaged teaching 6th grade social studies. **Anne Carter Brothers** has been named an "emerging woman artist" in TN and recently hung a one-woman show at Vanderbilt. Son Carter and Jen have a second child and Carter practices tax law in Nashville. Son Cary took his first movie "Sparkler" to the Hamptons International Film Festival, and son Jay is vice-president of sales at a local travel agency. **Julia Arnold Morey** reports the "same job at Historic Hudson Valley, same house, no new children's marriages, grandchildren or divorces." **Ann Funkhouser Kurz** is "on the road, teaching and peddling books and designs at trade shows." She and Bill visited her son Toby in Zurich, then traveled with them to St. Petersburg and Moscow, where daughter-in-law's Russian skills were handy. Son Jeff is a neighbor of mine, at language school in Guatemala. Also not too far from me is **McNair Currie Maxwell's** daughter Ashley, who lives with her husband Paco Pietsch, and daughter Avalon, in Mexico City. Paco sings with the rock group, Naranja Mecánica. **McNair** and husband Bob visited art museums on the East Coast last summer, and wound up at the family home in Myrtle Beach, with children and grandchild. **Judy Gutches Needham** also has a Mexican connection, having recently purchased a time-share at Puerto Vallarta. She serves on the Ft. Worth School Board, with "many challenges to helping educate youth." She also works part-time as a United Way fund-raiser and for Boys' and Girls' Clubs. She's recently traveled to Alaska, SF, and Australia and New Zealand, and to see her daughter who lives in W. Palm Beach. **Tish Dace** publishes a lot and teaches drama, literature, writing and reviewing in NYC, where she commutes from Cape Cod. She also spends time in London, where her older son and grandsons live. **Jean Bailey** is coordinator for grad. med. education at the U of So. Ala. Coll. of Med. She has four grown children in Mobile, Augusta, GA, and Texas. **Ellis Beasley Long** has completed her doctorate in Spanish after 10 years' work. She's now teaching at Thos. Nelson Cty. Coll. in Hampton, VA, following 7 years teaching at Judson Coll. in her native state of Ala. **Julia Fort Lowe** and Bob recently returned from a trip to Turkey and Greece. Their son Seth is finishing at U. of Memphis, and son Bob at Vanderbilt Med. School.

Our retirees are having a grand time. **Jane Goodridge** spent the winter of 96-97 in the Bahamas where they ran into Joyce Cooper, '61. Jane returned to MD for the summer and attended the US Open and Kemper Open, which inspired her to take golf lessons. She was last seen entering the inter-coastal waterway. **Carol Crowley Karm** retired at the end of '94 as a commercial insurance broker and launched her new career as a watercolorist. Her two daughters are both married, one in Rye, NY, with 2 little girls, and the other in LA area. Her son, 26, lives in SF. Her husband is retiring soon and they are "looking for a good beach." **Ann Knickerbocker McCulloch**, in excellent Spanish, wrote that she has graduated from the Dallas Theological Seminary with a Masters in Biblical Studies. She pursues studies in Greek and teaches Bible classes with hus-

band Bill, a judge, one of whose classes is conflict-resolution using Biblical principles. Hope I didn't lose anything in translation. **Mary Lou Morton Seilheimer** has moved to their "wonderful new house in Orange, VA," where they have lots of room for visitors. She's still very active in Garden Club of VA and other local organizations. Daughter Anne is in NYC at Sotheby's, and Charles is a senior at Middlebury, with an eye on Wall Street. Also having finally completed the big move is **Allie Stemmons Simon** - this time the office move. Her growing travel consulting business is only 6 blocks from home, 2 blocks from Heinz's office and she only gasses the car once a month. Allie was on her way to visit **Lee Kuciewicz Parham** in Lookout Mtn., who wants Allie to see her grandson "before he starts to walk and turns into a holy terror like his father was."

Lyn Clark Pegg also became a grandmother when her dtr. Sarah and her husband adopted a baby from Bogota, Columbia. Lyn completed her Ed.D. in Human Resource Development from the Univ. of MN. She left her salaried job at Lutheran Social Service and went into private practice as a therapist, trainer, consultant and adjunct faculty at the Univ. of MN. What's more, Lyn completed a roller-blade marathon in Sept. and had a good time! **Betsy Beale** is still on a farm in Goochland, VA, with various animals. She loves selling real estate-country estates, land, and the Richmond market too.

Betsy Parker McColl is "still chugging on the tennis circuit and enjoying the competition." She and Jim have traveled recently to Albuquerque and Tucson for a niece's wedding and a bank convention. Daughter Eliza, 20 is a junior at Chapel Hill and loves it. **Jane Yardley Amos** did more than visit the Southwest. She and husband John moved to Santa Fe in Nov. '97 after John sold his nursery business. They will still spend about three months a year in WVA. **Laura Lee Brown**, who remarried last year, and went around the world the next day, has traveled since then to France and Canada. She and Steve are raising bison on a new farm and restoring 2 period homes on the farm. Laura Lee still rides, paints and does photography. **Leslie Buchanan Richardson** still teaches Italian at Sewanee, and a non-departmental course on the History of Film. Oldest daughter is writing a PhD thesis in classical philosophy at Princeton, the middle one is a production artist at McGraw-Hill, and the third is a junior at St. Andrews Sewanee School. Leslie saw **Meta Bond Magevney** at the wedding of Meta's son, who had been Leslie's student at Sewanee. **Nancy McDowell** is enjoying married life with Jerry Sazama, and was looking forward to a visit from daughter Kathy and granddaughter Allison. She also enjoys trips to Calif. to visit son Ted and grandson Josh. Nancy has a new office for her counseling practice, within walking distance of her home. **Elizabeth Randolph Lewis** reports the marriage of her youngest, and namesake, Elizabeth, last Oct. Her 6th grandchild was born the same month. Elizabeth and Jack were treated to a trip to France by their four children, spending one week in Angoulême, with friends who "treated us royally," a week in chateaux country, and a week in Paris. They had another exciting trip on the Rio Negro in Brazil, fishing every day, along with **Betty Noland Caravati** and Charlie, who planned the trip.

Both our sons, and a girlfriend of one, plus my younger brother and his family, are joining us for Christmas in Xalapa. Then the dream is over and we're back to the real world.

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Peg Aurand, Carrie Walker and Wendy Wilkens reconnected after 30 years when Peg moved to Los Altos, CA, to work for West Publishing. Peg has now moved on: she is the Senior Counsel who can "not only speak Spanish, but write it correctly" working with the General Counsel for Latin America Pay TV, which supplies cable movie signals in Mexico and Central and S. America. Peg attended Grandma's 101st birthday in Houston in Feb. and her son's wedding in Madrid, Spain, in July. "I am a grandmother," writes **Jane Bradley Wheeler**. "Bradley and Scott have a 2-yr. old daughter, Molly, and live in LA, where Scott has a post-doc at UCLA. John is still with Salomon Brothers in London and Molly is a paralegal in NYC." **Christie Calder Salomon's** daughter Evanne was married in Newport, RI, 9/20 to Edward Gargiolo, and son David and wife Kim gave birth to first grandchild, Wilson Salomon, 10/2. **Sheila Carroll Coopider**, in her fourth year as Rector at St. Gabriel's Episcopal, "loves her work and her people." She and Chuck went to southern England and the Caribbean and loved it. **Nelie Clarke Tucker** writes, "Nelie (Cornelia 2nd) joined the National Geographic in DC as an artist for their Web site." (www.nationalgeographic.com) Nelie and Dave are the proud grandparents of Cornelia 3rd. Nelie is active in her health related businesses, Shaklee and Noni. **Ginny deBuys** is "on the road to making a job change." She hopes to avoid her daily commute to NYC. She writes, "I am persevering body and mind and seeking more leisure time." **V. M. Del Greco Galgano's** son Robert Christopher, a UVA grad who received a master's degree in history from W & M and is now a doctoral candidate there, will be married 9/19 to Kimberly Sue Meyers, a Dartmouth grad and a second year med student at UVA. **Doots Duer Leach Colen's** daughter Jennifer, "my lawyer, continues to work for a representative in the House in Washington. Ambler is with a major architectural firm in Philadelphia. Joe's business is blossoming, and the construction industry keeps me busy as well. **Carol Eckman Taylor** had her 25th work anniversary at Mays and Valentine doing trust and estate work. Retirement for husband, David, who is "taking care of the family plantation where we live, thank goodness. Only child Benjamin married Emily Chennell 9/97."

Grace Mary Garry Oates's husband, Wally, was feted at a special dinner at Arnaud's in New Orleans at the annual meeting of the AEA. They had a June trip to Italy and Austria, but no trip to Stanford, where I would have a chance to see them, "because Nora and Fred have visited us." Grace Mary and Wally share a set of Orioles tickets with **Adrienne Ash**, whom they see regularly. **Nancy Gillies** is "still nursing, working with student housing, and busy with sports and church." **Susie Glasgow Brown** writes, "I'm to be a grandmother in early March! Can't retire from selling real estate yet because my daughter is my business partner!" **Mary Green Borg** says, "Lots of passages—marriage of oldest son, Evan, to a terrific woman, Susie. Graduation from college of third son, Owen. And driver's license for fifth son, William—ending my 29 year career of chauffeur-ing." She had lunch with **Anne Day** and a good hike in the Rockies with **Anne Stanley**. **Kitty Griffith** moved to

Richmond as Director of Communications for Signet Bank. "It was acquired subsequently by First Union Bank and my job vaporized. Mike and I have a weekend marriage. How '90s of us." **Nancy Hall Green** spent 3 months last year at her house in France and another 3 months in New York, where husband Holcombe's business is increasingly concentrated. Both children are in NYC, Holcombe III with Merrill-Lynch and Frank just out of NYU. **Frances Hanahan** is still in NYC selling residential real estate. **Diane Hatch** says that teaching the new classical civ. course, *cum slides*, was fun. She is saving up to visit Turkey and to that end is teaching a summer school class in mythology. "1997 was a great year," writes **Heidi Haug White**. **Genie Johnson Sigler** and Bill spent their 30th anniversary in Maui and Lanai, HI. Daughter Beth is a CPA. Genie loves being "at home for the first time in years." **Vera LeCraw Carvaille** continues to work part-time in financial management, daughter Patricia is still happily teaching in the English Montessori School, where 5 year old Alexis studies, and son Jean-Phillipe studies finance at the U. of Paris. Vera enjoyed the game parks in S. Africa. **Barbara Little Chuko's** daughter, Katherine, and son Wayne, both recently married, are busy—she as a marketing coordinator for Wyeth-Ayerst in Philadelphia and he at Lincoln Electric in Nashville. Barbara is very involved with mental health organizations. She also got her insurance license and "continues to do house portraits when asked." **Nancy Lynah Hood** is busy with lottery advice work and two big departmental projects—new record office and developing Oxford Prison and Castle into a Heritage Complex." **Tuck Mattern Harvey** still teaches and "also directs the University's Honors Program. But the real joy is 2 grandchildren," grandson Tucker, 17 mos., and granddaughter Mattern, 8 weeks." **Scottie Newell Lennon** volunteers at church and hospital, "sings with our touring choir, in concerts around Long Island, Europe, and Canada," and plays golf. Scottie and her husband, Rich, visit their home at Hilton Head often and her 89 yr-old mother. Children Laura, Richard, and Allison are well. **Dottie Norris Schipper** writes: "Jan, my husband, became an American citizen 12/16 after 60 (!) years as a Dutchman. And we have our first grandchild, a girl! after all these boys in my life." "Had a wonderful time," says **Lynda Overly Levengood**, "at **Dottie Norris Schipper's** son's wedding in Charlottesville. He married our favorite Lancaster sitter and 'adopted' daughter." Lynda's daughter, Lara, graduates from St. Andrew's and will attend Davidson. **Tina Patterson Murray** writes, "We celebrated Daddy's 80th birthday, and he and Mother still enjoy ballroom dancing together. I hope that it's in the genes." Tina loves teaching full-time at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She and daughter Renee are both in the Ph.D. program at Fordham. **Leezee Scott Porter Nitze's** furniture and antiques business "is still great" at age 24. "I am a Granny, yes! thanks to the birth of Ella. Paul will be 91 this month and is fabulous." **Ann Sims Fauber** and her husband love being retired. As the grandparents of seven, "we're babysitting a lot for those in Lynchburg, and traveling to see the others." Ann had a great visit with **Judy Evans** who was in our SBC class for two years; Judy teaches in a Montessori school in Maui. **Nina Sledge Burke** is president of Stratford Hall Plantation, Robert E. Lee's birthplace in Westmoreland County, VA. Like Mt. Vernon, Stratford is owned and run by an all-female board representing each state. Nina still calls Atlanta home, but spends time in NC and SC also. "I'm

leaving for the Galapagos almost as I write this," reports **Lynne Smith Crow**. "Still working hard so I need this vacation." **Dagi Stoll Murphy** works for General Mills in Sales. Son Peter is singing opera in Des Moines, IA; daughter Kristin is working in Washington, DC. **Dona Van Arsdale Jones** writes, "Emily is a sophomore at Brown, and Tim is in 9th grade. Carlton and I celebrated our 25th anniversary in Aug. in Bermuda and our 55th birthdays in Sept. Wish it were the other way around!" **Angie Whaley LeClerc** continues as Director of the Citadel's Daniel Library in Charleston, SC. Husband Fred has retired from teaching law. Son Ben practices law in Charleston and son Kershaw is a jr. at the U. of Colorado in Boulder. **Lynn Youngs Johnston**, sold her Charleston house and returned to New England, an hour's drive from Albany "where I lived for 18 years and have lots of friends." Lynn spends her summers on Lake George, travels a lot ("Tuscany, my absolute favorite"), and is "thrilled" with her "new Franco-American grandson," born in Oct.

Your faithful correspondent, **Carrie Peyton Walker**, has wonderful work—as an English professor for the U. of California, Berkeley, in the fall, for UC Santa Cruz in the spring, and as a consultant to engineers and computer scientists in Silicon Valley. Rick and I have great friends and particularly enjoy their children. And we always travel: Spain and Morocco last year and the Caribbean this year.

Thanks to all of you for your cards. I enjoy each and every one!

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The class secretary is up to her eyebrows in azaleas and political acrimony. Here are the offerings which arrived in my agrarian mailbox. Yes, the Barger Farm is alive and well and will continue to prosper if you each dedicate yourself to eating BEEF every day! **Kathleen Watson Taylor** and Marshall are in Washington, NC, with children Carney 28 in his 2nd year of Residency at Vanderbilt, Anne 23 working in Asheville, and Selden 20 pursuing civil engineering at VMI in the class of 2000 (last all male class!). **Linda Schwaab Hodges** lives in Kinston, NC, as does her married daughter, Rebecca. Daughter, Samantha is teaching English in Japan. Son, Marcus, is completing an internal medicine residency in Caspar, WY. **Harriet Wall Martin's** daughter, May Martin Bryan, is married and a student at UNC School of Law. Son, Grier, will marry Louise Porter in 11/98. **Blair Both** enjoys visiting with Harriet, Linda and agrarian Brenda for lunch and chocolate chip cookies! **Judy Howe Behn** fought her way through tax forms in time to write that Carrboro, NC, is still home and husband, Bob, still teaches at Duke and takes his executive education for state government employees "on the road" to many states. Son, Mark, is working on a Ph.D. at MIT/Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. **Melinda Musgrove Chapman** has FOUR grandchildren - 3 granddaughters born in the last 2 years! Melinda is selling houses when not checking on youngest granddaughter who lives just 2 blocks from "Mema" in Birmingham, AL. In Augusta, GA, **Laura Haskell Phinzy** passed the state exam for her real estate license and planned weddings for two daughters: Laura married Keith Jones and

they live in Raleigh; Marion graduates from MCG Nursing School and will marry Wesley Cash on St. Simon's Island this summer. Laura attended **Aline Rex McEvoy's** son, Clay's, wedding to **Kimberly Olmstead SBC '92**, in Mar. and looked forward to catching up on the Atlanta SBC '65 news from **Margaret Feild Kresge**, **Gay Plowden Freeman**, **Libba Hanger Luther**, and **Elivra McMillan Tate**. Aline has a photo of all SBC "connected" at the wedding. Come see it at Reunion 2000 in 2 short years! Aline "reunited" with Libba, Elvira, and **Alice Mighell Foster** at Sea Island and will gather there again for Libba's daughter, Christina's wedding in May. Memphis is home to **Stephanie Eggleston Harrover** who is celebrating 25 years of marriage to well known architect in Memphis with a trip to San Miguel de Allende. Stephanie has worked as a free lance photographer and is learning about investments - in addition to grandmother duties for her son's new baby. **Beverly Sharp Amberg's** children are Rich, a sophomore at Harvard, who wrote and directed a play there, and Elizabeth, a Harvard grad now studying at Cambridge University, and trying to write a first novel. From Shreveport, LA, **Carol Ann Reifsnnyder Rhoads** reports her DNA Damage to Cell project will be presented in May in New Orleans at a national meeting, called Digestive Disease Week. Her husband, Bob, is Chairman of Biochemistry at the Medical School. Son, Richard, is married and in med school at UMass. Daughter, Jennifer, a PA in Winston-Salem, made Carol Ann a grandma with the birth of son, Nathan. Youngest child, Ben, is at U. Colorado. Carol Ann and Bob have a new vacation home near Boulder. Welcome mat is out! News from abroad: **Jean Murray McDermid's** SBC roommate, **Anne English Wardwell** and Ed, will visit Jean in Scotland this summer. **Mibs Sebring Raney** and Bev spent Christmas in Guatemala City with **Alice Perry Park** and Bob. Mibs is a geriatric nurse practitioner in Houston with a married daughter and son soon to be married. After 2 years in Nimes, France, **Bonnie Chapman McClure** will commute to Paris to return to public relations sports sponsoring, in particular, the Louis Vuitton Cup (Challengers' Elimination Series for the America's Cup) in Auckland, Australia! Bonnie's husband continues to work in Nimes; their daughter is moving to NYC, after 30 years in France, to try her luck in film production.

Bea Totten Britton and Peter (MA) live on a farm growing hay and straw and operating a large composting business. Son, Nathan, lives in Santiago, Chile, and son, Eilloughby is a research assistant in Neuroscience at NIH in Baltimore. Bea graduates this Spring with a BFA from Montserrat College of Art, majoring in "realist" painting, and was elected to "Who's Who in Colleges and Universities". **Sally Wright Hyde** teaches pre-school in Wilmington, DE. Great preparation for being a grandmother in August! **Betsy Knode Newton** found a 2 week trip to Nepal HARD work but worth the breath-taking scenery. A big change from the flatlands of Ft. Myers, FL. **Payson Jeter Tilden** has a new address in Troy, MI, (2955 Somerset Blvd, Apt 201, 48084) and works for a community action agency as head of weatherization services, energy education and affordable housing. Sons are Jamie (24), who is a rescue swimmer for the Navy, and Paul (20) who works in LA for Hydroflex (whose underwater film equipment brought the world TITANIC.) **Mag Salvesen** (NYC) is chairperson of the Acquisitions Committee for the SBC Friends of Art and is lecturing on "The Sound of Sleat," an autobiography of her late husband, Jon Schueler, which Mag co-edited. Speaking

of publications, **Susie Strong McDonald** asks if we saw 3/28/98 NYT articles about **Anne English Wardwell's** contribution to Mongolian and Asian tapestry history. Susie is a grandma, teaches at a community college in Minneapolis, and pursues a PhD in Art History, while making her own paintings and prints! **Babette Fraser Hale** wrote of mixed feelings. Sadness over the death of her brother and happiness with her new business, Winedale Publishing, which had a regional bestseller for its first book, *Home Spun* by Leon Hale...yup, her husband's book but a successful publication. Look for WP's *Ordinary Paradise* by Laura Furman. Babette and Leon are in Houston; son, Will, working for Saatchi and Saatchi Advertising in NYC. **Sarah Porter Boehmler** and **Bill** continue to live in NYC. Their twin daughters, **Liz** and **Jean**, just graduated from Davidson College and youngest daughter, **Alexis**, begins at Davidson. **Chris Kilcullen Thurlow** (CT) devotes all her time to her English-style garden business, "Quite Contrary Gardens." Travels took Chris and Steve to Hong Kong and China to visit daughter, **Katie**, a proprietary trader for Merrill Lynch there, and also to Cuba for Easter with a cultural exchange group. Their son, **Mike**, works for Dillon Reed, which was bought by Swiss Bank...keeping it in the family, Chris writes, since Steve is a director of the same! Navesink, NJ, is **Dana Wasson Paulus'** new home with husband, **Bob**. (PO Box 803, 07752) Dana runs a micro advertising agency in Red Bank promoting "everything from software to condoms". Son, **Bradford**, will marry this fall. Younger son, **Gregory**, is in Denver, CO. **Susan Hobbs Crowder** and **Herb** are empty-nesters with one son at UVA and the other at Bates. They are selling their "big house" in the Philly area so Susan can work "harder on public sculpture commissions".

West Coast news from **Brooke Patterson Mahlstedt** and **Sally Rasco Thomas**. They get together often for meals and movies. Brooke still works for United Airlines and visited with **Molly Poole Wolfe** before a flight. Brooke's sons both plan to locate in CA. **Genie Dickey Caldwell** is "stumping" around San Francisco on crutches after hip replacement in April but hoping to make it to SBC Board meeting. Riverside, CA, is home for **Helena Papis Rangel** whose daughter, **Christine**, is a member of SBC 2001. Christine spent January in NYC with the Theater Workshop and met **Wiggie McGregor Leon**. **Mimi Vogt Macht** is in Hood River, OR, teaching German to American executives and engineers who are doing business with Germany. **Beth Hunt** writes from Eugene, OR, that her son is entering Stanford, and her daughter starts h.s. ("Yes, she's the one who was 7 at our 25th Reunion.") Beth, **Mimi Vogt Macht**, **Eileen Stroud Clark**, and **Mel Freeze Cota** spent Easter '97 in Cancun and "still know how to have a good time together." **Sally McCrady Hubbard** (Cortex, CO) works in marketing and membership departments of the Crow Canyon Archaeology Center, sings in the Mormon church choir, and takes opportunities to speak about HIV prevention. **Ellie Crockett Jeffers** (Colorado Springs) is back full-time as interior designer with a few side trips she organizes for museum lovers. She has 2 grandchildren. Ellie saw **Nicky Batterson Hall** recently. **Betsy Benoit Hoover** is a psychotherapist in Denver and looks forward to her husband's relinquishing his job as Chairman of the Dept. of Architecture at CU so they have more time to travel. E-mail addresses?? Send them to me at: web1999@charweb.org. As your "ersatz" secretary, I'll compile a list (after herding the cows, slopping

the hogs, writing checks for 3 in college and practicing my SBC "good taste and good judgment" as mother of the groom this summer) and have SBC send it along to each of you...

1967 President: **Judith Bensen Stigle**,
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It's hard to believe that our 30th reunion has come and gone. Our small but active group had a wonderful time reviewing the "Pooh Book" in a lounge in what used to be the storage attic in Carson, renewing friendships at the Bistro, and taking the elevator to our air conditioned rooms in Randolph. Special thanks to **Gretchen Bullard Barber** and **Maria Wigglesworth Hemmings** for their work on reunion gifts, and secretary, **Judi Bensen Stigle**, for our class scrapbook.

On her way to reunion, **Jane Eastin Hager** stopped in Washington to pick up **Pat Neithold Hertzberg**, **Mellie Hickey Nelson**, **Lynn Frazier Gas** and **Marion MacRae**. Pat continues to be busy with her business. Mellie was joined at reunion by her husband, Pat. After reunion, Lynn spent 3 weeks in France and then on to Telluride, CO for July. She's busy with gardening, tennis and lots of volunteer work. **Susan Soriero Galbreath** was in CT visiting friends before driving to reunion with **Maria Wigglesworth Hemmings**. Susan's older children, David and Alison, are married, and Jim is a h.s. senior. A highlight of the reunion was an informal photo session with **Linda Fite's** husband, **Herb Trimpe**, and **Pam Ford Kelley's** husband, **Brendan**, taking group photos with everyone's cameras. **Peggy Pittman Patterson** returned with her daughter, **Harriet**, a Princeton student.

Returning classmates from VA included **Randy Brown** and **Hallie Darby Smith** who roomed together; **Karen Schwabenton Shipper** who has moved back to VA from CO; and **Beth Glaser Morchower**. **Mary Sabra Gillespie Monroe's** daughter, **Alison**, will marry Benjamin Alexander Goodman from Charlottesville 12/27/97 at the Wren Chapel in Williamsburg. Daughter **Anne** is majoring in Women's Studies and Chemistry at UNCCH. Mary continues to teach biology in Richmond. **Carroll Randolph Barr** is Director of Development and Alumni Affairs at Huguenot Academy while Mike is finding more time for golf now that his real-estate company has merged with another firm. Michael is 3rd year at Virginia, and Angus a h.s. junior. Carroll and Mike are looking forward to buying their own summer home in Michigan. **Kim Waters Keriakos** and Van visited her mother in Lynchburg while back for reunion. Van's youngest daughter was married in July, then Kim and Van enjoyed a wonderful vacation in CO. **Kat Barnhardt Chase** has been appointed Assistant Principal for grades 6-12 at Holy Cross Regional School in addition to teaching duties which include a class with daughter **Alison** who continues to thrive on dance. Daughter **Leslie** is an aide in a day care center and preschool. Bob is busy teaching, implementing the computer network and serving on committees at SBC.

Lindsay Smith Newsom and **Page Monroe Renger** came up from NC. We all send our condolences to Page whose husband, **John**, passed away in September. **Janie Willingham McNabb** loves retirement from the dress shop, her grandchildren, gardening and teaching a young mother's class at church.

Mary Cary Ambler's daughter, **Jaqueline** spent the summer studying Spanish in Mexico. She attends the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, CT where Mary Cary teaches. John is in his second year at UVA. Mary Cary has completed her third masters degree and is looking for a new adventure. **Carole Munn** came from Miami where she works for TWA. The long distance award went to **GINNY Stanley Douglas** who was in from Sacramento, CA. Ginny visited **Ellie Spivey Decker** at the eastern shore of MD, and spent August in England with the choir from Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento.

Gracey Stoddard, **Judi Bensen Stigle** and **Bonnie Blew Pierie** arrived together. In June, Bonnie's daughter, **Elizabeth**, married **Tod Masterman** in an elegant setting under tents by the horse pasture with Elizabeth's pony. The wedding was attended by Gracey, Judi and Randy Brown. In August, Bonnie organized a mini-reunion with Judi, **Stella Mae Renchard Seamans** and **GINNY Young Phillips** at the Eastern Yacht Club in Marblehead MA.

Peggy Minis Trethewey and **Ina Brown Bond** had their own reunion in San Francisco where Ina's daughter, **Sara**, is training to be a chef. Ina still breeds thoroughbred horses and will visit **Vicki Chainski Verity '66**. Peggy spent a week ocean kayaking the north coast of Holokai with 5 women and 2 guides. They were briefly escorted by a 15 foot tiger shark. Another mini-reunion included **Susan Tucker**, **Diane Mann Lankford**, **Melissa Sanders Thomas**, **Kay Trogdon Hightower** and **Lindee Henderson Lucas** in Atlanta. Diane writes that she is doing a traditional neighborhood development in Madison, Ga. Her son, **Frank**, is still with the NY Yankees, and daughter **Catherine** has graduated and is job searching. Diane reports that **Lindee** traveled to Indonesia. Susan writes that she serves on the boards of the Blerancourt Museum and Friends of Vieilles Maisons Francaises whose 15th anniversary gala she plans to attend at the Palace of Versailles. She will return to Mexico for Christmas. **Gina Dunlap Cogswell's** oldest daughter, **Alden**, married **Travis Rice** of Poquoson, VA. Travis roomed with both **Richard Young**, **Margaret Mapp Young's** oldest son and Mapp, her youngest son. Margaret and Dick attended the Atlanta wedding. Both sons were groomsmen, and Mapp escorted Gina down the aisle. **Gene King Leyden** had a great time talking about SBC with alums, **Anne Green Gilbert** and **Ella Magruder** in Finland at the dance and the child international conference. Gene does creative dance work with children.

Dolly Caballero Garcia's daughter, **Dolly (SBC'90)**, had her first son. Dolly enjoys being a grandparent and involvement with the opera, tennis and the pro-statehood party. Over the summer she visited the southwest. **Stephanie Ewalt Coleman** was sorry to miss the reunion, but physical therapy for back surgery kept her home. In '98 her oldest son, **Lee**, is getting married, middle son, **Cameron**, will graduate from James Madison University, and **Brandon** will start driving. **Margy Dortch Brooks** is still in real estate enjoying selling first houses to young couples. Daughter **Virginia** has returned to Nashville for graduate school at Vanderbilt while Will is a senior at U of Ga. Margy likes seeing SBC friends visiting their children at Vanderbilt. **Jane Stephenson Wilson** continues to teach h.s. Latin in Greenville, SC. She hopes to retire before our next reunion so she will be able to attend the 35th. **Barbie Tillman Kelley** says although she has no new news, she's not bored or boring. Dave, 23, is at UAB, Darcy, 21 is attending

Birmingham Southern, and Trey is a h.s. sophomore. Barbie is in her 20th year of taking art from the museum to grades 3, 4, and 5 and loving it. **Eleanor** and **Jim Crossley** excited to be spending a year in Zimbabwe volunteering for the Methodist Church. **Toni Naren Gates** creates theatrical experiences for young children and their parents by involving them in the creative process. Creativity runs in the family with her daughter studying classical theater at Tisch, NYU and her teenage son who is into art, music and videos. **Susan Sumners Alloway** writes that her congregation had SRO crowds for their performances of *Godspell*. Susan's four sons and husband are all well, and life is good. **Vicky Baker** spent 5 weeks at the East-West Center in Hawaii studying Southeast Asian cultures with an NEH grant and then on to Indonesia for 3 weeks of research. Vicky will use her new book, *A Sinhalese Village in Sri Lanka: Coping with Uncertainty*, for her Intro to Anthropology course at Eckerd College. **Glory McRae Bowen** had a fantastic time on the SBC Alumnae sponsored trip to Russia. Daughter Glo will graduate from Pitzer this year. Both sons are in h.s. honors classes, and Hardy won an acting award as the Emcee in *Cabaret*. **Judy Hay Speary** and Bill sailed their 42-foot boat across the Atlantic stopping in Bermuda and the Azores and arriving in Portugal in July '97. In spring '98 they head to the Mediterranean and return to the Caribbean in December. Daughter **Bonnie Speary Devote** is an editor in Gaithersburg, MD, and son Bill, recently married, sells insurance and mutual funds in Pittsburgh. **Judith Powell Martin** and Harry are luxuriating in the empty nest syndrome since Sept. when their youngest went to Dickinson College. Their oldest son is a 2nd year medical student at Harvard. Middle son, Walter is a rock musician with the Jonathan Fire*Eater band. They've signed with Dreamworks and are scheduled to appear on David Letterman. **Hallam Hurt**, chairman of neonatology at Albert Einstein Medical Center was written up in the Washington Post for their study tracking the development of babies exposed to cocaine in the womb.

I am amazed that I still earn a living working in professional theater as General Manager of Milwaukee Rep. Serving on the SBC Alumnae Board has been very rewarding. I loved hearing from everyone and look forward to more news!

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Thanks to all who responded to my question, "Assuming you have lived the first half of your life, what do you want to do with the second half?" Condensed answers are included here; complete answers in a mailing before reunion.

Martha Bennett Pritchett started her own realty company in the Raleigh-Durham area. She will "buy, sell, rent or build" commercial or residential properties. **Barbara Baur Dunlap** and Charlie dream of unrestricted schedules, travel, and book writing, and of "someday having a Dunlap wedding (of one of 5 children) before I need a walker to get down the aisle!" **Ann Biggs Jackson** and Cary are selling their farm in PA and moving to another farm in MD to be closer to Cary's family and business. She volunteers at Ladew Topiary Gardens, and wants to find more time for them, and for drawing, traveling, reading, riding, tennis, gardening...

Gene Bilbro Kennedy is a licensed Massage Therapist, working retail as well, and still very involved with riding. She competes with her Thoroughbred regularly and, with the exception of summer, loves living in Jacksonville, FL!

Lesley Bissell Hoopes continues her work with the Metropolitan Museum, and finished the renovation of the NYC apartment. Bud has been sailing a lot on his new 75' boat. **Cecilia Bryant's** second 50 year goal is to "live long and prosper", a la Spock. **Kate Buster** won her age group in the Women's Division of "America's Uphill", a 3000 foot ascent on snowshoes to the top of Aspen Mountain. After 8 years, she finished climbing all of the 54 "fourteeners" in CO. Kate continues as a hiking and snowshoe guide in Aspen as well as a tutor for young children and a property manager. **Elizabeth Cadwalader** reports that life is calm and good. **Suzanne Edinger Boas** and Rob celebrated Christmas in Santiago, Chile and New Year's in Bariloche, Argentina during a fabulous trip to visit Taylor, who is studying at Stanford's campus in Santiago during his jr. year. They regret missing reunion, but both Heidi and the Bosnian student living with them are graduating that weekend from different high schools. Suzanne continues her work at Consumer Credit Counseling Service and on various non-profit boards.

Your "trusty" class secretary, **Lynne Gardner Detmer**, has seen or talked with many of you this year. **Lesley Bissell Hoopes** joined her for an afternoon at the Metropolitan Opera. **Vicky Pitts Hildreth**, **Penny Oliver Hawkins**, and **Judy Harbottle Maselli** and Lynne had dinner together in Golden, CO last summer. **Anne Kinsey Dinan**, **Mary Mathews** and Lynne had dinner in New York. Lynne feels honored to have been chosen to sing with an exciting professional chamber music group of six (3 men and 3 women) on the Peninsula in VA. They present many full length concerts, mostly for Colonial Williamsburg. **Libby Harvey** is CEO of ALPHA Labs, a premier US lab for analysis of medicinal plants and herbs. She reports a happy personal life, with a wonderful man. They are planning a trip to HI. **Martha Hilton Nolen** has an "exciting and fulfilling life" as an active Christian. She has enjoyed raising their 3 sons. **Anne Hinshaw Vanderweil**, among all her other activities, will represent her Garden Club at the annual meeting held this year in Williamsburg, VA. **Barbara Johnson Prickett** serves on the boards of the American Cancer Society, Cerebral Palsy, and the Atlanta Botanical Garden. She does a lot of fundraising for various organizations, including Sweet Briar. **Frances Kirven Morse** can now be called Dr. Frances. She completed her doctorate in Education from Harvard in '96. She is looking for a technology-related faculty position in a School of Education. Meanwhile she is teaching and consulting. Newly single, **Suzanne Little** works for a small CPA firm in Houston and takes accounting classes at night. Her friends, "including **Lorna Allen Sorley**, have been wonderful." She enjoys yoga too.

Kathy Obenchain Glass teaches middle school math. She was in the antique business for about 2 years, and still likes to collect and sell items. **Penny Oliver Hawkins** still lives in Evergreen, CO, and works for US Bank. The family is building a log house near Yellowstone Park for summer and skiing vacations. **Jeannie Preston Jacobs** likes that they are traveling more each year. Stephen lectures on his new surgical breakthrough and she is learning languages. They visited

France in '96, Scotland in '97, and may be in Lebanon during our reunion. She continues to sing with the Baltimore Symphony. **Emmy Savage** has moved to Sherwood Forest, MD, and looks forward to reunion. **Julie Seibels Northup** is moving back to Atlanta. She wants to make a difference in her new career as a lawyer, and rediscover the joys of extended family and old friends.

Anne Stupp McAlpin was driving home one day and heard **Suzanne Edinger Boas** on national radio. She reports that **Kathy Israel** is happy in Springfield, MO; and **Jackie Israel** is a teacher in Hot Springs, AR. **Amy Thompson McCandless**, a renowned historian, feels "truly lucky to be doing what I love (and in the same institution and department as my husband). Her long-term project, a book on women's higher education in the 20th-century South, will be published this year. She will again take students to England for a course on Shakespeare's England. **Carol Vontz Miller** intends to spend the second half of her life showing gratitude for her blessings so far. She wants to use her knowledge to help where needed, and "worry" less, because "it really doesn't help at all!" **Jane Weihman Block** will be "happy to keep doing what I'm doing now—painting portraits, working with charities and church related groups, and having fun with friends and family." She wants to spend more time in Turkey. **Connie Williams deBordenave** has a successful and very rewarding jewelry design business. She saw **Pembroke Reed Hoffmire** and **Lynne Gardner Detmer** when she and Tad were in Williamsburg doing a show. Tad has been traveling for the Anglican Frontier Mission in Asia, North Africa and the Middle East. Connie went with him to Nepal. She wants to keep learning and working, so that she "doesn't turn into a carrot." **Cecilia Williamson Grinstead** and Andy "remain young at heart." She still loves to read, play tennis, travel, talk, and laugh. **Marshall Yeargin-Allsopp** continues at the CDC in Atlanta doing research in developmental disorders of childhood.

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To my surprise, doing the class notes is actually fun! I'm the first with the scoop. Unfortunately, though, we now have a word limit so I can't tell everything. Please forgive me.

Frances Barnes Kennamer (Montgomery, AL) works in public health and recently chaperoned 11 dancers to Paris for 2 weeks. **Kay Brown Grala** (NYC) is now with Greenpoint Bank. Two of her 3 children are taller than she is. She will run her seventh marathon in NYC in November. **Carter Burns Cunningham** (DC) has been Executive Director of Blair House, the President's guest house, for 6 years. Husband David is an investment manager. Maisie, 15, is a soph. at Episcopal and Lolly, 10, is a veteran Camp Merrie-Woode girl. **Jeannette Bush Miller** (Montclair, NJ) was in France this summer with her two girls, 9 and 13. They enjoyed the bullfight in Arles. **Betty Dusen** reports she is "alive and well" in Houston, TX. **Michela English's** (DC) family has moved into a new house they built. She is still working at the Discovery Channel. **Kathy Garcia Pegues** (Warrenton, VA) is the new president of the SB Alumnae Association and would love for others in our class to become involved. She took her G/T students to England this

summer. Husband John is a h.s. administrator. Daughter Emily is a soph. at SBC (an RA and on the hockey team). Son Adam is a h.s. junior and sports writer for the local paper. **Elizabeth Glassman** (Santa Fe, NM) has recently moved. **Barbie Gracey Backer** (Delray Beach, FL) does the "normal mom things" with John, 12, David, 10, and Katie, 8. She works part-time with husband Ron in their insurance agency and volunteers at church. The summers are spent in Beech Mtn., NC. **London Gray** (Bedford, NY) has bought her first house. Her life continues to revolve around Dressage horses. She will be doing several exhibitions at the next Olympics. **Susan Greenwald** (Hoboken, NJ) uses the internet to keep up with SBC friends. She leaves for Tuscany in October. **Honey Hammer** (Cincinnati, OH) is Director of Marketing at Miami Systems Corp. She still rides - teaching and judging on weekends and evenings. **Anne Helms Cooper** (Lynchburg, VA) teaches third grade. Her son finished his masters in accounting from Wake Forest and got married the same week. Daughter Daisy is a senior at NC State in sociology. **Alison Jones** (Santa Barbara, CA) is pursuing her photographic studies of wildlife, other cultures, and non-governmental organization efforts in developing nations. She has traveled this past year to the Anasazi ruins, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Kenya, Tanzania, Guatemala, and taken a drive across the USA. **Carolyn Jones Walthall** (Mobile, AL) is the Administrator of Youth Leadership where she exposes h.s. students to leadership and volunteer opportunities. Julian is pastor of Central Presbyterian and is a novice fly fisherman. Son David is a happy senior at Dartmouth and son Claiborne a busy h.s. senior. Dog Rascal "keeps wagging his tail." **Melissa McDowell Stevens** (Versailles, FR), husband Shelby, and their children spent 3 years in Australia where Shelby was the US Army attaché. He is now attached to the US Embassy and the Ecole Militaire. Son Brian is at Hampden-Sydney (junior). Sean, Kevin, and Ashley are at the American School in Paris. **Lynne Manov Sprinsky** (Montoursville, PA) is still involved with Mary Kay and is president of the "Volunteer Queens of North America." She reports husband Bill, son Matt (17), the dog and the horse are all getting older. She is lay director-elect for the Episcopalians in Central PA, has a new newsletter for dressage enthusiasts and has retired from SBC's Alumnae Board. **Sherrill Marks Byrd** (Charleston, MO) has been traveling to Montego Bay, Highlands, Grand Cayman, and Nashville. She's giving golf a second try. **Maggie Mather Feldmeier** (Manlius, NY) will soon relive her Junior Year in Paris when she goes to visit daughter Kate, a Davidson student with the Columbia program. Her other daughter is a junior at the Taft School. She and Jake have a new lake cottage. **Anne Milbank Mell** (Summit, NJ), husband John, 11th grader John and 8th grader Caitlin are going to London to visit daughter Meredith, a Bucknell student. Spring will find them reinvolvement in lacrosse. **Jill Minnema Worth** (Ridgewood, NJ) thinks her longevity in dealing with an all volunteer teaching staff and bunches of kids as Church School Director of First Presbyterian Church is due to never having children of her own. Her stepdaughter has had a beautiful baby girl, though. Husband Larry is Village Manager. **Laura Mink Gardner's** (Roanoke, VA) husband Martin has become a full-time Anglican priest with a part-time clinical psychology practice. With the children in school full time, she's looking for part-time work and is singing with the local choral society. She misses DC but says southern VA has its assets!

Wendy Norton Brown (Richmond, VA) had a short first "empty nest" year because 3 weeks after Chris went to James Madison U. (freshman) and David to Randolph-Macon (senior) David arrived back home, temporarily, with a seriously broken leg (he's captain of the soccer team). **Mary Frances Oakey Aiken** (Roanoke, VA) is back from Australia and working in the family design business and at Barnes & Noble. Husband John has retired from IBM and is working as an outsourcing consultant. Son Tevis is a senior at UVA, daughter Claiborne a soph. at VA Tech and daughter Courtney in 8th grade. We've had the pleasure of hearing from **Susan O'Malley** (Seattle, WA) for the first time. She graduated from Washington U and has practiced physical therapy for 26 years. She received a masters in anatomy from Georgetown and moved to Seattle 17 years ago. She is married with 2 wonderful stepchildren and found out one week before her 40th birthday that she was pregnant (!) with daughter Rebecca, now 7. She is currently on the faculty at the U of Washington. **Jacque Penny** has moved to sunny Miami Beach and loves it. **Mimi Pitts Dixon's** (Fairfax Station, VA) family has moved back to VA from Tampa. Jim continues to work for the Pentagon and Mimi is at the Right To Work Foundation. Son Brian is a freshman at Notre Dame and daughter Caroline a h.s. junior who is very involved in forensics competitions. **Carol Remington Foglesong** (Maitland, FL) reports that Christopher, 15, has his learners' permit, and Eric, 20, has an internship at the White House in the political affairs office. Husband Rick is developing collaborative debate on local govt. issues and Carol is in her 8th year with the Orange County Comptroller's office. She's also president of the Maitland Art Center, among other things. **Anne Shipper Oates'** (Rochester, NY) daughter, Alison, SBC '99, is in England on her Jr. Year Abroad. **Susan Schmidt** (Asheville, NC) is teaching environmental literature and policy at Brevard College. She's also writing, gardening, and fishing. **Patty Schwalm** (La Grange Park, IL) created and updates the website for the Garden Clubs of Illinois. She and her daughter ride their Morgan horse on the trails around her "hobby farm." Her daughter and the horse were hunter hack champions this summer. **Alix Sommer Pearce** (Fredericksburg, VA) reports that "in classic mid-life crisis style" she divorced her husband of 15 years and renewed a relationship which began 27 years ago at SBC. She is still supervisor of gifted ed. in the Stafford County schools. **Martha Stewart Crosland** (Bethesda, MD) continues to work for the Dept. of Energy where she has responsibility for cleaning up the nuclear weapons complex after the cold war and managing the nuclear wastes. Daughter Mallory is a junior at Vanderbilt on a golf scholarship and won the NM State Women's Amateur Golf Championship. **Elodie Taylor Thompson** (Monroe, VA) has been an elem. school librarian for 26 years. She and husband John recently celebrated their 25th. Son Clay, 20, builds race cars and Meredith, 17, a senior in h.s., received her Girl Scout Gold Award. **Libby Tyree Taylor** (Atherton, CA) recently traveled with husband Barry and children Alexa, 14, and Lee, 10, to England and Russia. She has had several mini-reunions with SBC friends and "the years melt away as you laugh the wee hours away with friends found many years ago." **Sally Uptegrove Lee** (Nashville, TN) has had a challenging year battling colon cancer. In addition, she and Bob (who continues with his masonry company) did a major remodeling of their house and daughter Rachel is a freshman at Trinity U in San

Antonio. Sally still teaches at Harpeth Hall. **Jill Lowry Warfel** (Dade City, FL) has been divorced for 8 years and is still teaching kindergarten. Daughter Claire graduated from Vanderbilt and is in law school at Emory. Daughter Juli is a senior at Florida. Molly is a soph. at Vanderbilt and Betsy is beginning hs. **Miriam Washabaugh Meglan** and Vaughn have been in Frederick, MD for two years and love it. She is playing the organ again and is indulging her passion for 18th century American antiques. Her business is good and she is getting ready to start a hedge fund. **Wendy Weiss Smith** (Durham, NC) and husband went to Turkey with the W&L group the week after Hurricane Fran (which only damaged the yard, thank goodness). **Linda Whitlow Knight** (Nashville, TN) has been elected to a second term as Chairman of the Davidson County Republican Party. Daughter Katherine is a soph. at William & Mary and Elizabeth a junior in h.s. **Anne Wiglesworth Munoz** (Salt Lake City, UT) reports daughter Maya (16) is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award and recently had her state winning artwork sent to a national competition. Aliria (12) is wonderful and doing well. Milton teaches 5th grade and his parents are coming from Columbia for a visit next summer. Anne has an art show scheduled soon. **Kathy Wilson Lamb** (Atlanta, GA) reports daughter Marie graduated from W&L and is engaged. Katie is now at W&L. Rex brought her a new puppy to replace the empty nest. **Beverly Wright Miller** (Lynchburg, VA) teaches Latin and is Regional Director for the central VA Odyssey of the Mind. Katie, 9, and husband, Roger, keep her busy. **Barb Wuehmann's** (Grand Rapids, MI) husband retired this year and was diagnosed with prostate cancer, which was thankfully found very early. She recently attended her medical school's 21st reunion in NJ. **Diana Zeidel** (Annapolis, MD) said "no news" but I know better. She and husband Jon Seymour are finishing up a beautiful new house on the water. She is leaving her job as Deputy Associate Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration in January to join Jon doing management consulting and they will be spending the month of May in Nice, France.

Before closing, I would like for you to know about a couple of tragic things. First, Wendy Brown wrote me that **Jeannie Littleton Knight's** (Richmond, VA) 21 year old son was killed in a hold-up last January. Wendy says it really affected the whole community. We are all so sorry to hear this and send our prayers and sympathies to Jeannie. Also, **Lind Dore Fountain** was killed June '97 in a car wreck in Texas. It hurts to lose one of our classmates and we are indeed thinking of her family.

As for me, I am experiencing the throes of the first "empty nesting" with daughter Cassidy now a freshman at Chapel Hill. Scott, 15, is surviving 10th grade. Rick is working all the time at his law office and I seem to stay home less than ever doing who knows what. Love my e-mail!

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As usual, our largest contingent is on the East Coast. **DeDe Conley**, Miami Beach, FL, was in France last July,

then went back to selling wine as national wine manager for Marie Brizard. **Mary Pat Vam Moore**, Tallahassee, FL, enjoyed reading about Reunion. She is still Executive Director of the Government Services Council and is active in her church. She keeps up with her boys - Warren, 17, who wants to go to a college with a good basketball program, and Taylor, 9, who plays baseball and flag football and sings in the church youth choir. Husband Paul joined the FL Restaurant Association and travels throughout the state. **Deborah Wilson Hollings**, Columbia, SC, and her family stayed with **May Bryan Gay's** family in Lynchburg during Reunion. Last year, when launching a 5 day elem. French program at son Christopher's school, Deborah taught 9 classes daily, so a month in the south of France to relax, visit family and rejuvenate was much needed! She completed a multimedia interactive computer program that teaches French to children ages 4-9, and is marketing it.

In Laurinburg, NC, **Edna Ann Osmanski Loftus** is busy with teaching, committee work, church, and her son Willie's activities. **Greyson Shuff Tucker**, Raleigh, NC, missed Reunion because she and Garland (W&L, 1969) were picking up daughter Liza from St. Andrews, Middletown, DE. Her other daughter Grey, 21, is at UNC-Chapel Hill. Greyson is a part-time communications/graphic designer, master gardener, and typical volunteer. She saw **Susan Snodgrass Wynne** and **Rhonda Griffith Durham** for a day before Reunion.

Carter Frackleton, Fredericksburg, VA, is involved in an endowment campaign for the Fredericksburg Area Museum. She attended Garden Club meetings, a play at the Virginia Museum Theatre, and went to DC to visit **Mary Heller** (who works at the NIH) and to see an art exhibit. She visited **Marty Neill Boney** and Bill in Wilmington, NC, then friends at SBC. **Susan Waller Nading** and Alex visited from Birmingham (their son is at UVA) and they all had lunch with **Ginnie B. Payne Sasser** and Flip. In Dec., Mary Heller, whose niece had graduated from h.s. in Brussels, and **Karen Medford**, who lives in Annapolis and skis in CO for several months, visited, and the three of them had dinner with **Janet Nelson Gibson**, and Ginnie B. Sasser. Carter celebrated the Frackleton Block Company's 50th year in business, and says how truly blessed she is to have wonderful, loyal employees to help her carry on the business her dear father began. **Marty Neil Boney** said she and Carter had fun Xmas shopping in Raleigh. Marty's daughter Kristen, 19, goes to Sydney, Australia, in July for a semester at the Univ. of NSW and Andrew, 16, is going on a h.s. trip to France.

Kitty Howell Riordan, Clifton, VA, missed Reunion but holds fond memories of SBC. She has 2 teenage boys. The oldest graduates from h.s. in '98, and both are soccer stars being recruited by colleges. She is Director of the Senior Center in Arlington and volunteers in hospice patient care. Kitty is a beginner at clay sculpture. Husband Dave is close to retiring from Merrill Lynch. They plan to spend more time with her 5 step-grandchildren, all under age 5. A 6th is on the way! In Vienna, VA, **Penny Thomas Kezar** continues as a training consultant, specializing in customer service. She and her husband purchased a wood and glass home in VT for summers and other times. She has a new family member - Frisco, a black lab, joins her chocolate lab and golden retriever. From Chestertown, MD, **Ginger Upchurch Collier** says all is well. Her 2 children (Ann, 16, and Katherine, 14) are both at Groton, and Ginger

looks forward to seeing Rhonda Durham, whose son is there. **Dale Shelly Graham** looks forward to decorating her house in Bethesda after doing repairs, painting, etc. She and her family are all fine; when Dale wrote, Lily, 8, was writing to Santa. From OK **Gale Garner Resch** sent a picture of her, Michael and Garner in Kenya. Her trip to Africa was wonderful and the animals magnificent. Gale's precision skating team won three gold medals. She hopes they will repeat this in San Diego at Nationals.

In MI, **Emily McNally Brown** teaches Shakespeare to 11th and 12th graders. Her and Jim's oldest son Peter was married in Aug. on his wife's family's lakefront dock. Emily left her job at Delphi to teach at a small private Christian school. In Sept., son Christopher was nearly killed on his 17th birthday - after surgery, he is doing remarkably well. Emily is only 20 mins. from Ann Arbor. She saw **Nancy Hagar Bruetsch** and her son last summer.

After her husband's death 5 years ago, **Vivian Finlay** remarried last June and now has a large family of grown children and grandchildren. I know you join me in wishing her much happiness. Vivian still has her own practice as a marriage and family therapist, and still loves living in AK after 15 years. In Birmingham, AL, **Margaret Hayes Brunstad** continues in her "wonderful and very challenging" job as Director of Sales and Marketing for Portrait Brokers of America. She joined that company, which now represents over 90 of America's premier portrait artists, 12 years ago in Birmingham. Her "boss," the president and owner of the firm, is one of Kathy and Ginger Upchurch's best childhood friends! Margaret's oldest daughter started her college search. Both daughters enjoyed traveling with Margaret to SBC for our 25th - she wonders if one of them will be an SBC'er! Also from Birmingham, **Marion Walker** celebrated at SBC in Sept. the selection of **Georgie Vairo** as Distinguished Alumna of the Year, then enjoyed a wonderful trip to England. She returned to a booming business and a pile of work, but it was worth it. In Montgomery, AL, **Elise Webb Neeland** and David had an offer on the house they built 5 years ago that they couldn't refuse, so they moved during the holidays.

Betty Works Fuller, Alice, TX, became rector of the Episcopal Church of the Advent 10/1/97. She loves the people there. Her daughter is a soph. at Southwestern Univ. in Georgetown, TX, majoring in art history, and spending the fall in London with a college group. Her son Will is in 3rd grade. **Marilyn Prichard Harvie** and her 3 children visited her mother and brothers here in Houston last spring, and we had dinner while she was here. Marilyn is as beautiful as ever. Stan and I invited **Liz Clegg Woodard** and Woody and **Cutler Bellows Crockard** and Doug to help sort Reunion photos. Liz and Cutler are wonderful friends whose children are also friends. The evening was a fun way to remember our old classmates. **Margaret Lyle Jones** worked long hours as a dialysis nurse in Houston last year. She has now sold her house and moved back to Birmingham to be closer to her family. From NV, **Cinda Lawrence Pierce** wrote that daughter Emily's graduation kept her from coming to Reunion, but she had mini-reunions 3/97 with **Mercedes Gravatt Grandin** and with **Charlotte Lykes Jorgensen** in Boulder, CO in Aug. Cinda spent a week with **Linda Odum** on her sailboat in the Bahamas. She still loves living in Lake Tahoe, and has an empty nest with Emily away at college.

One mystery writer wrote from Washington that she happily made a job change in 1997 - after 19 years with Time Life, Inc., she moved to National Geographic Society, where she is V.P. and Director of Marketing Services. Husband Peter continues in real estate. Son Peter is in 9th grade and loves sports, daughter Meaghan, 6th grade, is active in sports and social events.

From London, **Holly Smith** wrote that she'll be named a State Regent for the DAR and will fly to Washington about 4 times/year for board meetings. Meanwhile, she's trying to kick her London neighborhood into shape!

I am still at Baylor College of Medicine, involved in special projects on College policy. Several of my masters' students from Houston Baptist have done internships for me at Baylor. Stan manages a private practice, works for the school district and teaches grad. and undergrad. biopsychology at Houston Baptist. Weekends are spent at our hay house. Son Charlie graduates from college and will be married in June. Son Will finishes h.s., and is undecided about where to go to college. It was a wonderful privilege seeing so many of you at SBC, and I look forward to being your class secretary for the next few years! Please keep your letters coming- my email address is sarahvr@bcm.tmc.edu, if that's easier.

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8By the time these notes are published, our 25th will have come and gone. To those who could not be there - my crystal ball says, what a time was had! **Rita Anselmo** lives in Bethesda, MD with spouse, John Whittier and their children - Melissa, 12, Maria, 10, and Mike, 8. All 3 ride and are active in 4-H which complicates soccer and carpool schedules. Rita saw **Cindy Redman** and her students at the Washington In'tl Horse Show and was totally impressed. **Cindy Bekins Anderson's** younger child is in kindergarten; her older child is 9. First year in the new house, Cindy was waiting to see what would come up in the garden. **Anne Billings McDougall's** plans for reunion must adjust for 16 y.o. Maggie's departure that weekend for a school mission trip to Ecuador. A college tour will include UVA. Jimmy, 13, will attend Camp Timberlake in Black Mountain. Anne was PTA president at Maitland, FL Middle School, Ed turned 50, and with trips to NYC and Bermuda, "we feel blessed." **Mary Buxton** is "enjoying being married and having a 3 y.o. son Will." Her work as a psychotherapist is fine aside from managed care. Mary is interested in child development and software that promotes social/emotional development. **Barb Cain Hegarty** works part-time doing research in infectious diseases which accommodates the schedules of Ryan, 12, and Melissa, 8, who are in year round schools in Cary, NC. **Betsy Cann Aker's** son, Scott graduates from Episcopal HS in Alexandria. Morgan is a freshman there; William, 13, is in 7th grade and George, 11, is in 5th grade in Atlanta. Betsy is on the board of Whitefield Academy, a Christian prep school starting for grades 5-12. She will miss reunion because of childrens' graduations. **Evie Carter Cowles** has 2 grandchildren, Jake, 3, and Tanner, 8 mos. Evie still rides, breeds horses, fly fishes with Reynolds, and has picked up tennis again. **Dede Conley** had her first 25th reunion with SBC '72, her original class, and wrote

enthusiastically about the weekend. As national wine manager for Marie Brizard Wine & Spirits, Inc., Dede and her husband visited the Loire Valley and will travel to Spain, Italy and France this summer. She spent July 4th on Amelia Island with **Liz Clegg Woodard '72**, and skied on 24 inches of new snow at Telluride this winter. **Diane Dale Reiling** looks forward to reunion - a break from the hot real estate market in Seattle. June will find her remodeling her 3rd project house - "we must crave sawdust and sheetrock?" The Reilings skied at Canada's Whistler/Blackcomb with Erica, 4th grade, and Steven, in 7th. They will combine reunion with a trip to DC and Charlottesville. **Susan Dern Plank** and David are back in Canajoharie, NY after David's retirement after 23 years of active and reserve duty with the US Army Corps of Engineers. He is job hunting and repairing fire damage to their home. Eleha spent 6 weeks in Britain last summer. Sue joined her for 3 weeks, her first time back in 20 years, and loved seeing St. Andrews again. She asked why more of us were not on the Alumnae Link at SBC's website? **Val Fannon Cooper** remarried in Feb. and travels the east coast for Hershey. Val, Tim and Blair, a 7th grader who plays field hockey and tennis, will be at reunion. **Lisa Fowler Winslow** wrote just having been with **Peggy Cheesewright Garner** in LA. They took their daughters to Knotts Berry Farm and "had a ball." Russell, 16, and Suzanna, 11, are well and Bill is busy with his law practice. **Jane Garland Lucas** writes that, with projects in TX, NJ, MN, and NC, the office is expanding with new people hired. Life is full with a large yacht in Savannah, step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Carmen's surgery in May means no reunion but Jane plans on ME this summer, and Italy in Sept. **Susan Kirby Peacock**, Daniel, 10, and Marley, 8, went out west to see family and hike the southwest parks. Susan will live in an artists' retreat on the cliffs of So.Ireland in May. The children will join her in June to tour England and France. The year was also a sad one because of the death of her father. **Jane Knutson James** is a hs ESL aide in Brea, CA and earned her black belt in kung fu in '96. Patrick, 16, who "lives in his car" and Elizabeth, 14, are "A" students. All but Jane are surfers. Sign of a May-Dec. romance: Michael got a sr. citizen discount and Jane was carded at the grocery store! For those sharp-eyed readers of *Bon Appetit*, you may have noticed a piece in the 12/97 issue featuring **Palmer Lane**, her husband Joe Dorn and their children Anna, 11, Marilyn, 8, and Joe, 5. It will be in our reunion scrapbook for all to see. **Nancy Lenihan Conaty** lives in Rumson, NJ with Jay, an investment advisor in NY and Matt, class of '99 at Vanderbilt. Nancy will miss reunion because she will receive her Master's in Guidance. **Linda Lipscomb** is in a new position with American Airlines which includes trips to exciting destinations including Aspen. With the sale of her retail business of 21 years and the merger of Barclay's company, **Jane McCutcheon McFadden** and Barclay spent the winter in SC. All 3 of their sons are in college or boarding school. Jane loved seeing **Jane McFaddin**, **Jane Potts** and **Mac Cuthbert Langley** in Charleston and is going to Provence with **Susan Craig** to visit **Robin Harmon O'Neill** who is there for a year. **Joan May Harden** and Rick have 2 weeks in Europe before reunion to celebrate their 25th anniv. Their oldest, Meredith, was accepted early decision to W & L. Joan plans on picking up **Jill Heptinstall** on her way through Baltimore to arrive at SBC for cocktails! **Chris Mendel Prewitt** is commander of an Air Force recruiting squadron in MN; her husband flies out of

Minneapolis. The children find the schools there challenging. Chris is in e-mail contact with **Barb Hegarty** and **Glenys Church**. After 20 years at Sacred Heart, **Betsie Meric Gambel** is director of media relations at Logan Marketing. Gregory is a jr. at Villanova and spent last term as asst press secretary to Sen. John Breau (D-LA). Meric is a soph at Jesuit HS in New Orleans. Betsie continues to love long distance bicycling. In Springfield, IL, **Linda Moscato Buell** is a commissioner's asst at the IL Commerce Commission. They are deregulating the telephone and electric industries so the work is exciting. Linda won first place in her age category in the '97 Springfield Road Runners. She spent a week in Jamaica and is going to Canyon Ranch in May with **Sandie Schwartz Tropper**. Business takes her to DC where she stayed with Sandie and **Lauren Sherlock** and to San Diego where she can visit her sister and nephews. **Debbie Pollock Arce's** children, ages 12, 10 and 7, are all involved in sports and music which keeps her running in combination with her school volunteer work and part-time bookkeeping. They hosted a Taiwanese college student and Debbie considers her a daughter too. Vacation plans include HI and New England. Debbie is on an all woman team competing in a 120 mile relay walk from Portland to the Pacific Ocean in May. Debbie will be at reunion - a promise made to **Lisa Fowler Winslow** 5 years ago when Lisa was battling cancer and missed our 20th. Brava! Between May and July **Kathy Pretzfelder Steele** will celebrate her 25th at SBC, her 25th wedding anniv. and her 25th year at her company. Tracy will attend Univ of Notre Dame; Kelly, a HS freshman, competes in swimming, lacrosse and jazz dancing. Dave works in the corporate offices of Liz Claiborne and Kathy enjoys his discount. The family was off to Aruba before college interferes. **Carol Anne Provence Gallivan** is in good health after her scare last year. Anne Genevieve, 21, U of AL '99, is majoring in photo with a minor in photojournalism. Henry, 16, is the back-up varsity quarterback, plays basketball and soccer. Harriet, 14, is a varsity cheerleader, does dance team and soccer. They attend Christ Church School in Greenville, SC. Mills, an attorney, manages his own firm. The family went scuba diving in Cozumel and skiing in MT. **Jean Platt Spencer's** 2 daughters board at the George School in PA where she and David attended. With the mild winter and increased interest in golf, Jean's business is booming. **Renee Sterling** is her financial consultant. Jean thinks that **Kristy Alderson** who may be the class' youngest mother will be at reunion. Jean adds, "Our 25th reunion, college tuitions and menopause are all looming." **Cathy Rasmussen Rentzel** is excited about her company's new 21st Century Campus program which helps K-12 and higher education develop interactive multimedia courses. She and Linda Lipscomb have founded a women's investment group in Dallas and hope that Renee Sterling will be their financial advisor. Cathy's oldest daughter, Kelly, an honors grad. from Rice '97, works at SMU on their capital campaign. **Nan Roberston Clarke's** youngest child Boo is at Dartmouth. Toby, Charlie and Robbie are in 10th, 9th, and 8th respectively and are all involved in sports. Nan is finishing a year with 2 major volunteer jobs and concluded: "NEVER AGAIN!" Renee Sterling's non-work news is her discovery of how wonderful Aspen is. **Betsy Thayer Clough** is in Freeport, ME doing marketing research consulting, raising 2 daughters and "learning to live with a teenage daughter." **Marianne Vandervort Wiggishoff** was reelected to the Town Council of Foun-

tain Hills, AZ as Vice Mayor for a 4 year term, "barring recall of course!" **Mickey Wood Keyser** is to get a Masters in Adult Ed so she can teach at the comm. college level. She has 4 generations under her roof with her retired mother, her daughter and grandson who is "the most wonderful child" reports Mickey declaring her lack of prejudice. Her son is in the drifting stage. And I, **Weezie Blakeslee Gilpin**, delight in the accomplishments of Alexa, 21, halfway through the College of Wooster (OH) and Blake, 19, a soph. at Yale. Christopher will be a jr. at Milton Academy where Bob teaches history. His business consulting with students taking a year off continues to grow like kudzu! My job counseling adolescents both intrigues and exhausts me. See you in May!

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I'll be brief, here's the news! **Elaine Altice Saman** was back at SBC, 10/97, to visit daughter Jordan during Parents Weekend! **Bet Bashinsky Wise** says **Cheryl Lux** read our class news and tracked her down in Montana! Son Case is active in Boy Scouts, hubby Doug travels a lot, and Bet's being trained by her Great Dane and golden retriever puppies. The bike tour of the world continues, this time in New Zealand, 12/97. **Betsy Brooks Jones** has seen **Cathie Grier Kelly** and **Ellen Harrison Saunders**; Tombo's still with Union Camp Fiber Recycling Plant. Thomas (9th grade) and Brownrigg (2nd yr. UVA) are well. Betsy's busy with volunteering, tennis and a computer class. In summer '97, **Betsy Burdge Murphy** taught a music and movement program for tots and their parents. Also did much beach time with Sarah (9), and fall '97 was off to WY and UT via "RV" with Sarah and Tim. **Cece Clark Melesco** is busy in Rocky Mt., VA, with 4 kids, 3 golden retrievers, 1 bird and 1 fish. They manage to visit Rehoboth Beach each summer and attend UVA games. Cece has kept in touch with **Kathy Osborne Spirtes** who's still in Alaska. **Carol Clement Pavia** is a VP with Kelly Staffing Services in Los Angeles. She and Louis (12) and Derek (9) visited Memphis, summer '97. **Anne Cogswell Burris** works part-time as an abstractor for a title agency. Daughter Carrie (5th grade) has Anne back into horses; they own two, plus half of the equestrian center! Scott, Ben and Will (grades 10, 9, 8) are busy with other sports. Hubby Lon & family sold their chemical company and he's now in securities. Anne enjoyed a minireunion in France, see **Beth Montgomery**. **Marybeth Connor Hamlin** loves her switch from media specialist to h.s. English teacher in Naples, FL. Son Patrick (9) is a bundle of energy. **Catherine Cranston Whitham** & clan enjoyed a trip to France, 3/97. Ann (17) is an avid kayaker, and Craig & Whit continue to golf fanatically. Catherine continues working as a Development Administrator plus volunteering, and saw **Libby Whitley**, spring '97. **Connie Crocker Betzendahl** and Richard went skiing in UT and toured the west summer '97 as well. She is the soccer Mom, courtesy of daughters Lindsay (15) and Ashley (12), and is taking a computer graphics course. They'll travel to England summer '98. **Beverley Crispin Heffernan** & co. continue to enjoy UT. I was "downsized" by the Energy Dept. and intend to remain

unemployed through the ski season! Travels have included CO & Europe, WY with **Robin Singleton Cloyd** and **Cynde Manning Chatham**, and VA where I lunched with Jane Hutchison Frierson '74. Chat w/**Nancy Haight** frequently. **Bonnie Lee Damianos Rampone** is substitute teaching at local elementary schools, remodeling the kitchen, and planning college campus visits with Chuck (17). Chris, 15, and hubby Chuck are fine too; they plan a late '97 ski trip to Vail, CO. **Louisa Dixon's** alive and well in Besancon, France, still doing exchanges between VA and Franche-Comte with occasional help stateside from **Terry Starke Tosh**. **Mary Dubuque Desloge** and family are enjoying life in Darien, CT, where she's selling real estate. They've traveled to the Big Apple and around New Eng. and Canada. Their oldest went off to boarding school, fall '97. **Linda Frazier-Snelling** writes from C'ville that she enjoys her work at St. Paul's Church in Ivy. Son Chris is a h. s. jr. and daughter Catherine is a new mother in CA, making Linda our first grandma? Husband Michael has launched a new manufacturing career. Linda saw **Ellen Harrison Saunders**, summer '97.

Cathleen Gilmore Dietz practices geriatric medicine at the Tampa Veteran's Hospital. Her eldest is a freshman at U. of Florida; the middle child is learning to drive, and the youngest is in pre-school. **Melissa Greenwood Riemer** continues to be dramatic. She graduated 7/97 from Drama Studio London and made her London professional debut 9/97 in the play "Time and the Conways." Family's fine; if you're in London, do drop in! **Cathie Grier Kelly** resigned her job, spring '97, to stay home with Thomas (4), who was delighted by a trip to Disney World, summer '97. Cathie's tennis team won city and state championships, and Bill is still auditing for 1st Citizens Bank. **Ann Henderson Stamets** reports from Louisville that Jay continues flying for UPS, she's still catering and PTA-ing, and sophomore Jon is an avid baseball player. They enjoyed traveling to Atlanta Braves games in Atlanta, Chicago and Cincinnati. **Chris Hoefer Myers** was recently in Hong Kong, Taiwan and the Philippines. She's Sr. Director of Development for the U. of SC. Hubby Jim and daughters Aidan (13) and Christian (4) are well; Chris saw **Wendy Wise Routh** and **Ann Cogswell Burris** in Charleston, 4/97. **Edith Jones** sent 4 years of news on one card! She's married to Steve Floyd, has a child (2), and got a Ph.D. in counseling psychology. In her spare time, built and moved into a new house. **Christine Kjellstrom Douglas** substitute teaches at a refugee center in Syracuse, NY, and gets to Richmond often. Twins Edie and Christina have started 1st grade. Their basset hound is recovering from back surgery. **Karin Lindgren** has moved to FL after 18 years in MI. She's concentrating on her poetry, which has yielded over 50 awards in the past 5 years! Karin's busy with assorted volunteer positions, works as a bookkeeper in Delray Beach, and will travel to Monterey, CA, summer '98.

Diana Martin Gordon has shifted gears big-time, now focused on a writing career. Gave up the performing arts, sold her horses, placed her piano students with other teachers, so she must be serious! **Margaret McFaddin** dashed off her news before joining **Kathleen Ryan** on a 10-day trek through N.C.A. Margaret saw **Heather McLeod Gale** and **Jody Anderson Wharton** at Pawleys Island, 7/97. In May '97, **Beth Montgomery** returned to the scene of some very old crimes, renting a villa just outside of St. Tropez, where she, **Catherine**

Cranston Whitham, and **Terry Starke Tosh** were NOT studying during jr. year. She was joined there by **Gray Thomas Payne** & hubby, **Ann Wesley Ramsey**, and **Ann Cogswell Burris**. Beth also journeyed to the Sundance Film Festival in UT, and continues her acting and filmmaking, including an appearance at the Kennedy Center as a "super" in La Boheme. **Nellie Osinga Branson** still works part time at a nursery; Lindsay got "downsized" into the U.S. Investigative Service; Molly's in kindergarten and Susie's in first grade. **Pat Parker** earned her M.Ed., 6/97, and aims to teach elementary school. Summer '97, Pat started golfing again, and daughter Sarah started h.s. this year. **Janet Sheppard Kelleher** is enjoying life after 40 "very much" ...the kids are older and not as constantly demanding. **Buffy Shelton Smolens** remarried 3/96; Peter's a nephrologist in San Antonio. James (21) & Anne (19) are at Texas A&M; Buffy is teaching nursing part-time at the U. of Texas Nursing School and taking a Spanish class. **Polly Shriver Kochan** and Jeff are in Philly. Jeff is Director of Inverventional Neurology at Temple U. Hospital, and is a pioneer in stroke therapy. Michael's 14, Andrew, 10, and the whole family is busy with scouting. Recent travels included Bar Harbor, ME and Acadia National Park. **Ann South Malick** and clan have relocated to Hudson, OH from their farm in PA just in time for Mary Frances (6) and Kacer (5) to start school. Ann aspires to be "Soccer Mom of the Year."

Barbie Tafel Thomas sent Grant, 19, off to Sewanee, fall '97. Clay, 17, is a h.s. jr., and daughter Lee, 15, is a soph. Barbie's still busy with her landscape design business, and playing tennis in addition to hauling kids to their various sports. Hubby Joe is an avid sailor. **Gray Thomas Payne** & family are well, volunteer work's great, she continues teaching drug and alcohol prevention classes. Had a spring '97 mini-reunion in France; see **Beth Montgomery**. Saw Meg Shields Duke '76 for their annual dinner in Vail, CO, spring '97. **Dorsey Tillett Northrup's** eldest, Tom, is a frosh at Miami of Ohio. Dorsey now has her real estate license and went to Europe with her two younger sons, fall '96. The toe count on **Maria Vonetes** is holding steady at 8, thankfully. Our condolences to Maria and Sandra, their Dad passed away 12/96 at age 80. Maria reported seeing **Ellen Harrison Saunders** at the beach, summer '97. After 21 years, **Pat Wade Goolsby** still teaches 6th grade at Madison Middle School in Madison Heights, VA. Daughter Laura's in nursing school; son Brian is working toward his driver's license. Pat and Mike celebrated their anniversary with a Caribbean cruise. **Carroll Waters Summerour** and Toby enjoyed a spring '97 jaunt to Europe. Patrick is a jr. at Clemson, h.s. sr. William has applied to UVA, Princeton, Columbia and GA Tech, and daughter Kaki is a talented 7th grader. The family gets to their NC lake house often. **Libby Whitley** has begun restoring her 1800 farmhouse in Roseland, VA. Farm population is 4 horses, 5 dogs, and 1 cat. Whitley, Inc., is growing 20% annually, and Libby's been doing some lower level eventing. **Worden Willis** is a stockbroker in Lake Worth, FL, call her at 1-888-642-2811 to seek your fortune! She and boyfriend Augustine Lanzellotto live in Parkland FL and rescue dogs from various pounds. **Kathy Wilson Orton's** still at Texas Commerce Bank in Houston, now known as ChaseTexas, after 22 years. She and John enjoy golfing and traveled with the girls, 13 & 15, to CO last summer. Most summer weekends find them at their house in Galveston. **Wendy Wise Routh** saw **Ann Cogswell** and **Chris Hoefer Myers** in Charles-

ton and **Jane Perry** in Kiawha during 1997. The family has recovered from last year's fire and in '97, wintered in Palm Beach and summered in the Hamptons. John Carlos is in 3rd grade, Lexie's in 5th grade.

1976 President: Tennessee Nielsen, Secretary: Deborah Mutch Olander, Fund Agents: Cissy Humphrey, Gail Ann Zarwell Winkler, Janet Durham Sam

Many of you sent news which you begged me not to report. Hmmmnn. Key words and phrases registering on the Repetition Scale this year were midlife, crazy, orthopaedist, reemployment, volunteer, soccer, London and "rebuilding the kitchen—What a mess!". (What does this say about us?) And clearly we are maintaining and strengthening our relationships with each other.

Wendy Bursnall Wozniak, new SBC Denver Club President, attended Alumnae Council last Oct. It was great to see her! Her 3 children love all sports. Wendy continues her "image as a soccer mom and volunteer." She's excited that SBC has a record 13 students from CO. **Becky Burt** visited SBC, felt as if she had never left. She bought *another* house ("long story there"), still works at BMC Software in Houston: she loves telling people "how they've screwed up their computers."

Kelsey Canady Griffo reports all is happy in Virginia Beach. She enjoys single life as a freelance artist doing murals, furniture, glassware, paintings. Parker (8) and McKenzie (10) are awardwinning artists and into sports. Kelsey plays tennis every day, skis when weather and budget permit. **Chris Carr Dykstra** has 4 horses and is starting a pony club in Auburn, AL. She and Lochrane visited last fall. Chris is one of many going to London this year. **Candi Casey** (Chicago) continues overseas travel in institutional equity sales and works with **Karen Kuhlman** '78. **Tricia Cassidy Higgins** experienced tragedy last Sept. when daughter Katie (19) was struck and killed by a motorcyclist while crossing a street on her campus (St. Lawrence). She thanks God that her SB friends (**Janet Grainger**, **Kate Kelly Smith**, **Laura Lee Bost**, **Katy Mikell Cochran** and **Merrin Sweeney**) have all been wonderful to her. They attended Tricia's marriage to NY Judge John DiBlasi in July. **Lochrane Coleman Smith** reports no exotic trips, no lottery winnings, but she and Mell have a new house in Birmingham. She says they're settled in like "Ma and Pa Kettle." Lochrane has been my constant support through my husband's serious illness, even through her own medical issues, moving, her job, and daughter Lochrane's activities. **Melanie Coyne Cody's** 2 daughters, Caitlin (14), Sarah (11) say they're SBCbound. Melanie and Bob work on their 2 Victorian houses in Winnetka, IL and WI. She continues executive recruiting and coproduced the Middle School benefit show.

Terese DiGrandi Busch has a busy life in Atlanta with her medical practice (Pediatric Emergency Medicine), her son (Joseph, 6) daughter (Sarah, 23 mos., "blonde hair and blue eyes—where'd that come from!"), and husband Mike's Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery practice. Her only complaint: constant scheduling hassles. **Liz Farmer Jarvis**, Philadelphia, continues curatorial consulting. Her 3 children are doing well; husband Andrew continues his architecture work. She reports many broken bones (not her own), and being on a first-name basis with "the orthopaedic guys."

Debbie Gahagan Hill is VP/Branch Manager and maintains the new computer system at MidFlorida Federal Credit Union. David (16) and Doug (12) are involved in ice hockey; Doug was on a traveling team last season which took her to Nashville and maybe this year Ohio. Debbie is engaged to her long-time love. **Keedie Groves Leonard** joined the '76 Saturday Morning Breakfast table during Alumnae Council, bringing her adorable little boy Cole (1) along. Keedie is "Yep, the same."

Mary Beth Hamlin Finke works part-time in her family's metal stamping business in Wilmette, IL and serves on the board of two companies handling some investments. She, Caroline (10) and Hollis (5) vacationed in Kiawah, SC with **Peggy Weimer Parrish** last July and spent Aug. on Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. She has taken up piano and rides with her daughter. Mary Beth is collaborating with **Meg Shields Duke** on a "golf camp long weekend" for '98. Sounds great! **Ookie Hays Cooper** finds life in Nashville "delightfully routine." The family visited SBC last June, spent time with Mr. Edwards.

The **Cissy Humphrey** paragraph won't do justice to her copious, thought-provoking words. Cissy and **Elizabeth Perkinson '78** attended the April funeral of our classmate **Pat Dean** in Pittsburgh. Pat's long, brave battle with Multiple Myeloma was a cause Cissy took very much to heart, and Pat's death was followed by the death of Cissy's mother 2 weeks later. Cissy has gone through grief recovery at a local Christian church, and now helps others as a facilitator in those seminars. She lectures on preparing for the move to retirement and/or nursing homes, and believes that "aging parents will be the scourge of the baby boomers." In her amazing fortitude she now seeks a new career path without considering anyone's needs but her own, and finds this empowering but would appreciate advice. She speaks with **Beth Bates Locke** almost daily, lunches with **Tennessee Nielsen** often, and hears from **Felice Ludington** in Marin County, CA. Felice also is looking for reemployment, having finished paralegal school. Cissy heard from **Robin Rodger Heller** who travels to Europe about 5 times/year for GM. Robin and husband Bill bought a 1910 house on Lakeshore Drive in Grosse Pointe Farms; they and their 2 children spend time remodeling and renovating. Most of Cissy's travel has been SBC-related. At Recognition Weekend in Philadelphia she saw **Linda-Jean Smith Schneider** and "tons of '78ers." During her Thanksgiving trip to London, she spoke to **Lola Brock Meakin '78**. And she was an Alumnae Council regular again this year.

Liz Jenks Coggin reports everyone fine in Richmond. Her son is 16, daughter 10. **Lynn Kahler Rogerson** traveled to Europe developing new art exhibitions last year. She and husband drove their '53 Packard to the National Packard Meet in Atlanta, then went to Australia for the Christmas holidays. Meantime, they gutted and rebuilt the kitchen: "What a mess!" **Ann Kiley Crenshaw** reports all is well in Virginia Beach (didn't someone else say that, too?). The Crenshaws continue a family tradition of Thanksgiving at the Greenbrier and skiing, although Ann "just totes the equipment around and mainly loves water sports." Incredibly, Ann writes that they are rebuilding the kitchen, "What a mess!" **Laurie Lenkel** passed the NY Bar upon graduating from Brooklyn Law School, looks forward to law practice and her next adventure. Her memories of SBC grow fonder, as does her love of learning.

Margot Mahoney Budin in Chevy Chase has "the best kind of news... Having wonderful time being a stay-at-home mom." Daughter Michelle (19 mos.) constantly amazes/surprises her parents. **Treacy Markey Shaw** lives in Atlanta with husband Mark and 3 children. Treacy plays on an ALTA tennis team and volunteers for the children's schools and Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. They planned a trip to London over the summer ("Should be interesting with a 3-year-old in tow"). **Debbie Massey Thurman** and family are moving back to VA after 17 years in CA. She's on the verge of having her first book published; husband Russ is in the magazine industry. Jennifer (11) is an accomplished equestrian with Olympics 2004 her goal, while Natalie (10) is "just having fun being a kid." **Margaret Milnor Mallory** left real estate for her real love, teaching. Her boys, Barton and Bennett (12 & 10) are fine; husband Bart is still general counsel for Terminix. She talks regularly with **Mary Beth Hamlin Finke**, **Lochrane Coleman Smith**, **Elliott Graham Schoenig** and **Peggy Weimer Parrish**. **Marilyn Moran Goerier** and husband took Christopher (2) to Orlando for Christmas with Mickey.

Tennessee Nielsen's family vacationed in Seattle and Vancouver last year. Highlights were taking Amtrak through the mountains to MT and bluffing her way into artist Dale Chihuly's glass studio. The Tankersleys continue to "lawyer" and parent their blended family of 5 children. **Susan Ray Karlson** says Ron has 1-1/3 chapters to go on his book (Mar. finish), then the editing. He has a grant to work in the South Pacific so Susan hopes "to head out for a little R&R in Bora Bora"; daughter, 12, "will have to tear herself away from her boyfriend." Susan continues to serve physicians in D.C. from her position at the Medical Society and is busy taking on the D.C. Bar. **Dede Ryan Ale** moved last Christmas to London. Her boys (John & Matthew, 9 & 8) enjoy English schools although the first months were an adjustment. Husband John heads the London office for Vinson & Elkins. The family heads back to Houston in 2 years.

Long overdue words from **Jill Sawicki** (do you believe it?) in Carpinteria, CA. Jill has "moved around the past decade or so" (Chicago, 3 years teaching English in Tokyo, now a first grade bilingual teacher). She bought an old house in a small beach town, hopes to adopt a child from China this year. **Meg Shields Duke** wins the speediest response award. She's heavily involved in Republican politics, school activities for her 3 children, and their lacrosse and skiing. She hopes **Lisa Nelson Robertson** will move back to Denver: such fun that her son (14) is in his first year at Kent, Lisa's alma mater. **Linda-Jean Smith Schneider** says the highlight of her year was attending **Marsha Taylor Delain's** May wedding in May, but also enjoyed seeing **Cissy Humphrey** and **Gail Ann Zarwell Winkler** in Philadelphia at Recognition Weekend. Linda-Jean works at Drinker Biddle & Reath as Library Director, and performed in Gilbert & Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" last fall at City Hall: still loves to sing! **Virginia Spangler Polley** goes strong on Look-out Mountain, TN volunteering at Frank's school, singing in church choir, showing horses and planning trips to China and Spain.

Marsha Taylor-Delain married Bobby Horton in May, honeymooned in Cancun and Italy. The happy couple returned to Dover, DE "fat, sassy and contented." Marsha's job was hectic last year, combined with her duties as Vice-Chair of the Reading Committee for the

President's National Test. She has also been very busy keeping me spiritually centered this past year, as only she can do.

Rowena Van Tuyl Schubert says "Life as I knew it is over now that my girls (Larissa, 14, Mackenzie, 12) are teenagers. They have more social life than I ever dreamed of having." And has she ever traveled (2 trips to Hawaii, a CA trip through Monterey, San Francisco, Napa, then New York to see her family).

Peach Weiler Theiss teaches elementary school in Pittsburgh. **Peggy Weimer Parrish** communicated John's appointment as General Auditor of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and her move to Walnut Creek, CA with sons Jay (9), Alexander (4). As a native Virginian, she is sad to leave but looks forward to new adventure. She will be a stay-at-home mom for the first time and hopes her SBC friends will look her up. **Ann Works Balderston** spent nearly a month at the ranch in Jackson Hole, WY with kids, then back in Nov. without them for 10 days. She planned trips to Rome and Venice in the spring, then back to WY in the fall. The 4 kids keep her busy; Biv is immersed as Managing Executive for Sedgwick in NY. Ann is on the board at Allendale Columbia School, runs the book fairs. And of course she gets together with **Andie Yellott** and her boys at least once a year.

Thanks for all your notes, cards, phone calls. You are wonderful examples of how to meet life's challenges with grace, intelligence and great good humor. If I didn't write about your pet rabbit, sorry; the word limit continues its reign of terror. Next year I'll probably be writing about how many of you bumped into each other in London.

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We have lost track of a lot of classmates. If you know the whereabouts of any of these, please contact SBC: **Kate Morrisett Frye**, **Lynn Webb**, **Denise Etheridge**, **Mary Winston Blount**, **Mary Ann Dickinson**, **Cecile Shackelford**, **Leigh Lenahan**, **Kim Goldwasser Goldberg**, **Emily Shuffstall**, **Anne Tschudy**, **Jane Behringer**, **Sigrid Soderberg Pinsky**, **Sarah Bruce Kelly**, **Michele Kass Shuldiner**, **Christine Hadley**, **Annette Cowdery Matthews**, **Carrie Griscom**, **Anne Wrenn**, **Julie Ziurys**, **Sally Barnes**, **Linda Sutton**, **Laurie Trenholm**, **Gregg Smythe**, **Kathy Hooker Boyle**, **Catherine Connor**, **Lisa Ros**, **Shirley Adams**, **Virginia Milner**, **Martha Hamilton**, **Pamela Stevens**, **Nancy Roberts**, **Susan Mountcastle Stephens**, **Maria Barton**, **Patricia Watson Kent**, **Roxane Clement**, **Debbie Vannostrand**, **Marian McLellan**, **Gail Flagg Freeman**, **Lucine Sullivan Moller**, **Helen Reid**, **Julie Smith Abell**, **Toni Cabbie Shaw** and **Susan Fenn**. **Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn** writes that Stuart has joined Web Street Financial Group as its VP and general counsel. Sons Clayton 11, Clifford 9, Charlie & William 4 keep them busy with sports. The family has visited CO, FL, CA, and Disneyland this year; Viv looked forward to an SBC Riding Reunion in May. **Molly Reeb Nissman** says Nancy 17 has been touring VA colleges. Matthew is 22 mos. and Andrew is 5.5 playing soccer already. Molly is at Paine Webber, works with sister, **Jane Reeb Chadwick '74**. **Peggy Haley Sheehan** saw **Janet Myers Deans** and

family when they came to Vail to ski. Peggy's 4 keep her busy with "mom stuff," including car pooling to 4 different schools — she also teaches a neighborhood French class. **Frances Redmond Malone** has opened a small art gallery/frame shop called "Two Sisters Gallery" with sister Lucile. Husband Booth is showing his artwork in Saratoga each summer and this year will have a booth in the trade fair of the Rolex 3-day event in KY. Frances rides when she has time. Someone (must be **Glenn King Springer**, I think) was moving from GA to Charlotte, NC in June. John has accepted a job with J. A. Jones Construc. as asst. general counsel. She asks Charlotte SBC friends to call her at 643-6702. **Mary Greaves Hodge's** family was at the tail end of a 6-month-long remodeling project — new kitchen and family room. Kids are 6 and 3. She gets together with younger SBC alums for lunch. **Farnell Cowan** had her 20th anniversary at the bank in Boston this year and completed her "7 continent quest" last year with a trip to Australia, but Antarctica was her favorite. **Nina Ross Baker** and **Dee Hubble** work together at Reese Press/RP Communications. Nina's 3rd grade daughter, Natalie, got braces this year. **Ann Crossingham Cannon** and Bill celebrated their 20th anniversary; Leslie will be in college when you read this, and Will is 15. Ann and kids show Saddlebreds with some awards. **Debbie Koss McCarthy's** Courtney was selected a Morehead Scholar at UNC-Chapel Hill for Fall '98. Alex, recovering from a separated shoulder (lacrosse injury), looks forward to his learner's permit. **A. Michelle Sweeney Lyne** (who transferred to VCU from SBC) has 2 children, Evan 12 and Chase 10. In rural Goochland County, she is busy with gardening, knitting, aerobics, cooking, and volunteering at school. **Ellen Sellers McDowell** and family had a wonderful trip to Ireland with her parents, brother and family. Unfortunately, Ellen's mother's cancer returned after the trip; she died 11/97. Ellen's 4 daughters are busy with many activities and sports; Rex is working hard on his business. **Becky Mayer Gutierrez** teaches 4th grade in Turners Falls, MA. Sons George 14, Anthony 11 and Mike 7 keep her busy with baseball, basketball, etc. She says the teenage years may actually be worse than the Terrible Twos. **Tricia Waters** is busy being a mom, volunteering at son Will's preschool. She saw **Cheri Stipp** in Mar. **Elvira Cash Pecora** (Durham, NC) is a substitute teacher in public and private schools, subbing in French and other subjects. Her husband travels often for Qualex; her 2 sons enjoy soccer, piano and rope-skipping. The family went to Disneyland and Universal Studios; she and Chip went to Cancun in Mar. **Judy Widener** has a dressage training facility with 9 horses in training for competition. She also teaches Clinics and does a yoga video for riders. Children: Samantha 12 and Logan 7. **Carolyn Williams Seeling** says she, Stephen, Justin 11 and Sarah 5 are doing well. She left the corporate world for the time being so she can be home for after-school hours. She is also teaching the 2s at church preschool 5 mornings a week. **Phooi-Ching Lai** says her hair is turning white, due to her two daughters, Zhenling grade 6 and Zhenhua grade 4, who keep her quite busy in addition to her job, lecturing at a univ. **Laura Burrell Garden** became a stay-at-home-mom when her boss sold the company. She and Lloyd are moving from CA to Denver; he will continue with United Airlines and she can enjoy "Lloydster" 6 and Sarah Elizabeth 2. **Cora Snyder** moved to Peterborough, NH to be an editor of publications for an internet consulting firm. **Ebet Little Stevens** says Bob is on his 3rd year of being

in business for himself; children Elizabeth 13, Anne 11 and Robby 6 are on the go. She frequently sees **Debbie Koss McCarthy**. **Beth Wade** had her 1st baby in June '97! She and John are ecstatic to have Eloise (Ellie). They run their beach house in DE and moved into a new home in Rockville, MD. Beth is with IBM. **Fran Scott** and son Zachary moved from Nashville, TN to Toronto, where Fran is VP, corporate marketing communications with Nortel. They enjoy life in Canada. And I, **Sally Bonham Mohle**, celebrated my 20th wedding anniversary to Pete this year (and he actually celebrated also!). We went to Las Vegas in Apr. for a conference and Nova Scotia in July for a family reunion. I continue my Myers-Briggs business in addition to my full-time job.

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Co-presidents: Cindi Little Townsend, Susan Anthony Lineberry, **Secretary:** Lauren MacMannis Huyett, **Co-fund agents:** Ashley Wilson Brook, Pam Weiler

Greetings to all! I think that we have reached middle age. There were not too many "changes" in most of our lives—everyone seems to have settled into her forties very nicely!

Having said that, these were the few responses I received that did have some "big" news. **Connor Kelly** has two items to report— the birth of her second child. Teague McKenna Harvey was born in 2/97 at home just after Yoga class! She is also moving to Italy in the fall of 1997. **Piper Allen** is now Piper Allen Severns—she married in 4/97. She continues to practice real estate law. **Susan Searles Lord** has a son Robbie, born 7/97 and already has another on the way! She lives in Northern Virginia.

Corby Hancock Pine also has a new baby, Lauren Gibson, born in 9/97. She joins her brother Jonny, now 5. **Nancy White** started a new job as the Tabletop and Home Furnishings manager at Modern Bride magazine.

Now on to the regular stuff! **Louise Mueller Cook** writes that her friends have nicknamed her boys Craig (6) and Fritz (4) "wild" and "wilder"! Louise saw **Claire Cartwright Vaughan**, **Robin Jones Eddy** and **Jane Hubbard Sams** this summer and said they all look terrific. **Pam Ramsdell Mitchell** writes that all the Mitchells—Elspeth (13), Barclay (10), Tucker (7) and Carson (3) are doing well. Pam is teaching pre-school a few mornings a week and driving a taxi in the afternoons! **Aimee Kass** is still practicing law. She saw **Leslie "Pete" Forbert** in April and attended the wedding of **Lynn "Kevin" McDonald** in October. **Susan Andrews Crum** is getting back into tennis, after a ten year break—she is playing on the team at her Country Club. Her boys Jim and Andrew are now 11 and 8.

Prudence Pitcock says life is good on their farm in Rome, GA. Her son Justin is now 8 and will be joined by a brother in January 1998—at age 40! She says life is about to change! **Susan Anthony Lineberry** has been busy as Superintendent of Promotions and Special Events for the city of Newport News, VA. Her 4 boys Cole (14), Mark (12), Patrick (11) and Kevin (10) are also keeping her busy! 40th birthday parties have gotten her together with **Cindi Little Townsend**, **Page Breaknell Beeler** and **Pat Guild Blair**. **Mary Cowell** is in Boston working for the Museum of Fine Arts in Product Development. She

has been to Italy 3 times to buy jewelry for the mail order catalog. **Sally Byron La Barre** is happy with some free time on her hands now that Katie(9) and Phillip (6) are in school all day. She is getting lots of projects done. **Shantini Senanayake** is working for the state of Maryland as a Public Health Engineer. Last summer she went to Rome for her high school reunion and had a great time. **Susan Owen Bragg** is an organic farmer in Boone, NC and sells at local farmer's markets. She is putting up two big greenhouses on her farm to go into commercial cut-flower production year-round. Her business is called Lily Patch Farm. Susan also has two daughters—Allie(12) and Burtie(3). **Lisa Hagan Kliefoth** is in Cabin John, MD with her husband Chris and her 3 kids Campbell (10), Willis (7) and Peyton (3). Her Mom Alice Hagan (SBC, class of 1949) surprised her for her 40th birthday and **Judy Williams Carpenter** came to the party. Judy continues to be the Alumnae Director at St. Catherine's school in Richmond. She sees a lot of SBC alums when she is traveling for St. Catherine's. **Page Breaknell Beeler** also was very happy that 40th birthday parties had gotten her together with old friends from SBC. She says they all decided that they look exactly like they did 20 years ago! She is doing well with her garden club work and the raising of her 3 children! **Caro McDonald Bahnon** is busy with the addition to their family of 3 dachshund puppies. Their 15 year old daughter is at Foxcroft and Caro is hoping will be off to SBC in a few years! **Helen Peppard Lewis** got her MBA in International Finance 12/94, spent 1995 in Paris, and is now Director, Business Development of MINDBANK in Vienna, VA. She writes, "Hike a lot, love salsa dancing, and am learning to play the Bongos." **Cindi Little Townsend** is still in Martinsville, VA, busy with Brittany (12) and Hunter (9). She still has her own CPA practice, does tax work, and teaches computer courses at the kids' school. Cindi writes, "Looking forward to Reunion!"

I am still really enjoying my life here in Zurich, Switzerland with husband Bill and our five children—Kate(14), Phillip(12), Peter(9), Chip(8) and Susan (almost 4). The expatriate life is a very full and busy one! We have traveled a lot in the past year—Holland, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Belgium and of course to the States pretty often. We plan to move to the Boston area in 12/98 where Bill will still consult with McKinsey and Co. My parents have relocated to Boston so it will be very nice to be near them and explore the New England area. I am, as I hope you are, looking forward to our next reunion in 1999!!

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Co-Presidents: Lillian Sinks Sweeney, Janet Hughes Wiles, **Secretary:** Kathy Taylor Erickson, **Fund Agents:** Missy Gentry Witherow, Fran McClung Ferguson, Toni Santangelo Archibald, Catherine Flaherty

Gerlind Younts (Mexico City) is the Correspondent and Bureau Chief for NBC News in Latin America. Gerlind moved to Mexico after 5 years in the Middle East working for NBC News. She just returned from covering assignments in Baghdad, Iraq, Jordan, and Israel. **LaQuela Scaife Barnett** says the past 12 months have been a banner year for travel, business, pleasure. The Alaskan cruise was awesome, but Jamaica was surprisingly fun with great food, a magnificent view of the

ocean. She is starting a new division called Specialty Music, Inc. and created a new label to add to the others. She had a terrific show in Cannes at the MIDEM International music fair. Loved seeing **Jana Joustra Merritt** who works for HCA in Nashville. Jana married Blaine in D.C. in Nov. **Carolyn Birbeck Milam** married Bonnor H. Thompson III 10/18/97. Bonnor owns Bonnor Thomason Construction, a contracting firm. Paul will be 5 in Feb., and grows like a weed! Carolyn enjoys being Division Manager at Howard Perry and Walston. **Tish Longest Tyler** was matron of honor in her wedding.

Pam Koehler Elmetts bought a new home: more space for all their stuff! Lauren and Andrew (8) and Caroline (2) keep her busy. **Gail Coyne** married Michael Pierdiluca in Madison, WI, honeymooned in Italy 2 weeks, and moved to Chicago (Sheffield area). They are remodeling their city condo. **Lisa Carangelo** has a busy season with the Booma Oil heating business. She teaches Scuba Diving at MIT and is on the Board of Directors at Girls, Inc. She had 2 wonderful trips: Bareboat Charter, scuba diving St. Vincent and The Grenadine; and Kenya and Tanzania with her mother and 2 brothers last June! She sees **Cary Dollard** and **Kris Summerill Craig**. Kris is busy with twins and husband Stuart in Lexington, KY. They have a pony, love KY. Cary travels in her job at IBM and volunteers on a number of boards and committees. **Sandra Rappaccioli Padilla** works from home with a payroll management company and is opening a bookstore in Managua selling textbooks for elementary, secondary and universities. They also carry religious and medical textbooks. Max is General Manager for the Cement Producing Company of Nicaragua.

Toni Santangelo Archibald bought a new home in Rye (address: 3 Clark Lane, Rye, NY 10580). They have a new boxer puppy named Sophie - it's like having a baby all over again! They took the kids (Johnny 11, Franny 9, Sara 6) to Disney World last Oct. for 5 days, had a fabulous time!. Chip is growing a beard - life is always interesting! **Susan Mengden-Ellis** was anxiously awaiting May arrival of third child (a boy). Catherine is 2, Clay is 1. They will be in Dallas in Aug. for Down Syndrome Congress and hope to see some SBC friends. **Fran McClung Ferguson** volunteers at church, school and writes for the local business journal. Robert is in 3rd grade; Carol is in 2nd. Norman is home after 17 months in DC starting a computer networking business. They have a Golden Retriever-mix puppy, so Fran is finally getting some exercise! **Amy Dausman Schaaf** added their 4th adoption in Dec.'95! Mark is now 2. She continues to homeschool her 10, 9 and 6-year-olds—says it's a blast! Library visits, field trips are how most days are spent. No alarm clocks for them! She would love to hear from other SBC homeschoolers: 120 South Haven Dr., Mooresville, NC 28115.

Carol Williamson Jenkins and her 4-year-old son William visited Liz Swearingen Edens and son Alex (2) in Louisville, KY last fall. **Catherine Mills Houlihan** is busy with Connor (4) and Shelby (2) in Hampton, VA. She is involved with preschool, playgroups, church activities, doctor's appts. She hasn't gone back to work, and doesn't miss it a bit! Catherine just learned there are 9 SBC alumnae in her church parish at St. Andrews, Newport News, VA. **Vivien Guttridge Olsen** is in her 1st year of Law School at Washburn U. of Law in KS. She graduated from Kansas State U. with a BA in English. As a single parent, her life is busy with Caleb (8) and Luke

(6) and her studies! Address: 1155 B SW Glendale Dr., Topeka, KS 66604. **Susan Boline Thompson** (Dallas): Rebecca (7), John and Stephen (5), and husband Gregg are doing well. She sends best wishes for 1998!

True Dow-Datillo dreams of balmy Blue Ridge Mts in April! She had a chilly winter in NH! Her 2 sons, Nicholas (6) and William (5) are classic winter snowbunnies. They headed south to see **Barbara Wesley Bagbey** and family on the way to a FL vacation. If anyone ventures north for ski or R.V.ing—stop in—they're 5 minutes off 95!! Email her: RobertsGym.aol.com. **Lisa Faulkner-O'Hara** recently got together with **Sally Grey** and **Kim Wood** at Sally's birthday in VA. She still works in advertising in NJ. She has 2 great kids, Bud (7), daughter Evan (3). **Pam Willett Hauck** is excited with all 3 of her children in school! She is active in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and works in Quantico. The rest of her time is spent "chauffeuring" the kids to more activities than she would like! She and her husband hope to remain in Arlington for at least one more year. **Janel Hughes Wiles'** family has grown: 5th last July '97, another girl. Quincy Louise joins Margi (2), John (11), Drew (8), and Max (4). She saw **Myth Bayoud** on an Apr. ski outing. She missed **Sally Grey Lovejoy's** 40th birthday, heard it was lots of fun, everything was done in black! **Kim Wood Fuller** and **Lisa Faulkner** were there. Janel, still practicing law, is active with school and community boards and Boy Scouts. **Martha McCaleb Cosentino** says "hello" to everyone! She and Steven are fine, still living east of Richmond in Quinton, enjoying a quiet and happy life!! **Annie Fisher McDaniel** had a wonderful holiday visit with **Katie Tams Bairstow** in Galveston. She says they "picked right up where they left off too many years ago." **Lynn Howard Hurley** just had boy #3. Maggie (9) is head over heels for horses - could she be SBCbound? Jack (7) is crazy for anything with wheels that looks dangerous! Lynn's law firm dissolved last Feb., quite an adventure. **Carolyn Hallahan** married Robert Salamon 2/2/98 in MT and snowmobiled for the entire week! Her work is going great! **Georgia Schley Ritchie** moved with husband Diff, Addison (5) and India (2) to Tokyo. She hopes to carry on organizing group exhibitions of contemporary artists and learn a bit of Japanese! New address: Apt. 101, 1TF, 5-3-50 Minami-Azabu, Minato-Ku, Tokyo 106, Japan. **Brooke Hardin Randall** moved to Charlotte, NC summer of '96. She stopped work, is at home with sons, Jack (8) and Bruce (2 1/2). **Beth Newberry Phillips** had a great '97 with her 2-week golf trip to Scotland! She drove through the country with inlaws and Sydney, her 9-month-old! Yes, they are still speaking! Beth said it was the perfect time to travel with a baby. **Ann Connolly Reagan** enjoys volunteering in Hannah's (9) class 1 day a week. She works at The Dragon's Nest toy store part-time also. She and her tennis partner are #1 on the A-1 team in Newburyport, having lots of fun. She is a new board member of the YWCA, enjoys working with a great group of women. Ann fit in a trip to Arizona last spring. **Mitch Jeffery** and family are moving back to NYC after giving the suburbs 18 months - even her 3-yr.-old was bored to death she writes! She can't wait to buy a new home in the city, get the kids in school and get back to concrete! **Betsy Thomas Rook** lives in Glendale, CA with husband Roger and Wiley Evan (4), Kirby Blake (2 1/2). Needless to say, both keep her hopping! She is a full-time mom, but would like to be acting and writing again soon! **Brandy Wood (Fuller)** married last April, and they started a small jewelry business. She works full-time as a school-based

mental health therapist. **Lisa Heisterkamp Davis** says "life is grand!" Her family enjoyed **Cecile Owens Plattner** '79 and her family's visit on a very wintry day last Jan. **Anne Cretzmeyer Bloch** is in Stamford, CT with husband Greg and 4 beloved cats. They are art dealers and art publishers; the name of their company is Triad Art Group. They have built a "dream home" which is a continuing work-in-progress. **Jeannine Davis Harris** loves being mother to newest family member Bradley. Leigh (6) and Reid (4) are proud to be big brother and sister! **Garrow H. Crowley** (prodigy.net) is in Spartanburg, SC with husband Chris and children Elsa (12), Mark (9), Kathleen (8). They're building a new house! Please E-mail her! **Catherine Flaherty** was on maternity leave for 4 months. They had their 3rd boy 12-97, Macartan Thomas 10.3 oz. He joined 2 brothers, Killian (almost 4) and Callaghan (2 1/2). Life is hectic! Catherine and husband are going to Germany (with baby) the end of April. **Missy Gentry Witherow:** life is great in Vicksburg, MS! Somer is 4, Wallace 2! Time flies! They look forward to a fun summer. **Allison Becker Chapman** and husband have bought a first house and have a beautiful baby daughter, Sara Elizabeth. She has 1 month remaining on maternity leave and hopes to win the Lottery so she can stay home with her! Allison will return to work as a case manager in the home health business. New address- 10809 Hard Rock Rd., Austin, TX 78750-1545. **Lind Robinson Bussey** built, moved into a new home in '97. She is busy with Anderson (8) who changed his name to Arthur, John (10), Jerry Lind (13)—a teenager! They have lots of animals. She visited with **Georgia Schley Ritchie** and **Jill Steenhuis Ruffato** in France last summer. Lind spent a London week with Georgia before she moved to Tokyo. They had a blast! Feeling very blessed and happy with life! **Anne Secor** works as Art Director for J. Crew. For the past 3 years she has lived in a sunny loft in downtown Manhattan. After breaking with boyfriend of 5 years, she began singing with a rock band, doing lots of Janis Joplin tunes and similar rock/blues/soul material. They played last Dec. at The Bitter End on Bleeker Street, and have a couple of dates set for Spring! **Florence Rowe Barnick** is Director of Human Resources at the family business, The Free Lance-Star Publishing Co., consisting of a daily newspaper (over 110 yrs old) and 2 radio stations. Flo delivered son #3, George Stanley (11/28/97). He joins twin brothers Scott and Andrew (6 1/2). **Lillian Sinks Sweeney** is still in "The Burgh". Taylor is 5; husband John has made a career change which will keep them in Pittsburgh. She coordinates clinical trials at the Hospital. E-mail: Sweeney@pgh.aahs.edu. **Amy Campbell Lamphere** (Lincoln, NE): her kids Jake (8) and Sarah (5) keep her busy with soccer; both play. Amy has turned into Martha Stewart, knocking down a wall in her kitchen and building a new "great room" for entertaining! She saw **Catherine Flaherty** at her cousin's wedding! As for me, Katie is 10, involved with soccer and swim team, Brian is 8 and does a "sport a season"! Jon is Managing Partner at his law firm Brock, Clay, Wilson and Rogers in Marietta, GA. I teach Pre-K (14 4-yr-olds) at St. James Methodist Church and was the Kids Art Auction Chairman for my children's school last fall, baseball team mom, and swim team coordinator. Enjoyed hearing from everyone - have a great summer and fall!

1981

Co-Presidents: Allison Roberts Greene, Carol Hays Hunley,
Secretary: Jane Terry, Fund
Agents: Nancy Golden, Nancy Webb Corkery, Molly Rodgers Cramer

Thanks for your great news. As for me, my two boys Branson and Sandy are 12 and 9, and I spend most of my time on the ball fields. Most of you are also busy with kids! I saw **Allison Roberts Greene**, **Nan Dabbs Loftin**, and **May Carter Barger** at **Jill Steenhuis'** art show in Charlotte. Allison and Carson's baby Andrew was a year in March, and Mackensie is 3. **Anne Sargeant Rosenthal** had a baby girl named Jennifer born on 2/11/98 to join her sister Jennifer, 5. Also, **Debra Middleton Dickinson** had a baby boy named Seth on 1/22/98. **Claire McDonnell Purnell's** new addition, Elizabeth, is 15 months, and Claire calls herself a "Mom Shop" staying at home and running a design business. **Stephanie Stitt Fitzpatrick** also just had a baby boy—Robert Dirk to join Alexandra, 3. **May Carter Barger** added Benjamin to their family on 7/31/97, and she has a printable stationery business called Sidekicks. She and Carroll cruised through the Panama Canal with **Allison Roberts Greene** and Carson. Consumed with five children ages 11, 9, 6, 4, and 2, **Winsor Cleveland Yellin** is also in the midst of building a new house. **Lynn and Jack Reeves** enjoy their mountain house in Lexington. Lynn stays home with Henry (4) and Savannah (3). They want company in the mountains, gals! **Nancy Palme Hoe** is a researcher/lab manager for the pathology department at Baylor College of Medicine and is dealing with the strep outbreak in Texas. **Kearsley Rand Walsh** was remarried to Peter, went to Bermuda on the honeymoon, and didn't even have to change her last name!! Angus (7) and Duncan (5) walked her down the aisle and in attendance were **Stephanie Skinner Fortunato**, **Mara Ryan Eckert**, **Carrie Maynard Nichols** and **Claire McDonnell Purnell**. Mara, her husband, and two girls Emma (3) and Sydney (20 months) are readying their house in Wilmington for sale and may move to PA. She plays mixed doubles in a tennis league and will play USTA women's doubles this summer. **Sigrid Carlen Veasey** is in Philadelphia with Campbell (3) and Wylie (17 months) and her husband Doug. She practices pulmonary sleep medicine and teaches at Penn. **Stirling Cassidy Smith** is loving NYC with her two red headed children Alec and Palmer. Over the holidays she saw **Julie Brooke Davis** and **Ann Baldwin Mann** in Jacksonville and she sees **Beth Newberry Phillips** and **Mary Ann Albright** frequently. When not at hen parties, **Mary Kate Ferguson** works for a bank based out of Seattle, so travels to the West Coast quite a bit. She loves to cycle, swim, and run. Like Mary Kate, **Quinn** enjoys running, cycling, surfing, and swimming. She is still single and running Quinn Design, which specializes in marketing materials. **Jane Losse Momberger** is still in Singapore and would love SBC company. **Nancy Webb Corkery**, the rink rat, spends most of her time watching her sons Kevin (9) and Kyle (7) play hockey, but saves time for golf and their new boat. She reports that **Molly Rogers Cramers** had twin boys, Colin and Ned, for a total of 4 now: Nancy also talked to **Nancy Weinberg Von Auersperg** who sounds great and lives in New York. Also, Nancy says **Susan Rowat Steiner** is travelling the world and looking for a buyer for her store. **Virginia Donald Latham** is decorating a new house in grand style,

of course! **Angie Odom Wright** and her husband Wade recently attended **Nancy Barwick Jones'** wedding in Huntsville, and Nancy's 2 children were in the wedding. Angie also sees **Laura Coleman Proctor**, **Caroline Hawk Sparrow** and **Virginia Donald Latham** and says that **Olivia Chaplin Baker** does a wonderful job with her twins and her preschooler. **Hedley Sipe Bethke** is in Charlottesville with her husband Robert and daughter Edie, 3. She works as an OBGYN nurse practitioner and keeps up with **Holly Silsand** in Richmond, VA. **Helen "Sam" Masters Durham** has two little soccer stars—Arch (15) and Rob (8). Her ballerina daughter Ann Husted (11) danced with the NC Ballet and the Moscow State Theater ballet in two Nutcrackers. With Sam and Buck's accents, the folks in Rochester, NY think they're from a foreign country! **Dawne Cotton Ward** is in San Francisco with her husband Jim who is the Director of Marketing and responsible for the promotion of the upcoming Star Wars Episode film. Dawne is training as a docent for the zoo and enjoys the Junior League. **Torrey Binion** is a pediatric RN in the Houston area and resides with her daughter Sydneyann, 12. Her step-daughter Sarah, 22 is at Southwestern University. Her husband Sid (15 years) is on assignment in MN, and they anticipate a move to Minneapolis soon. Congrats to **K. Hagan** who was chosen Secondary School Counselor of the Year for Region 2! She is the guidance counselor at Banks County H.S. and keeps in touch with **Jane Moore**, **Holly Silsand**, **Margie Robinson Tallmadge**, **Letha Zackowski**, and **Barbara Burns Wray Tamarri**. **Jane Moore** is also a counselor at Sacred Heart Cathedral School, her daughter Kassie's (9) school. She lives in Knoxville, TN. **Barbara Bush Cooper** works at St. Agnes School in Alexandria, VA—strong SBC representation—where **Tania Voss Ryan** is the director of the lower school. She says **Holly Craig**, who works for a new political lifestyles magazine, moved back into the area and **Alex Wilson** is pursuing graduate work. **Eve Devine** also saw **Tania Ryan**. Eve is Director of Human Resources for Harbor Court Hotel. She has a new puppy named "Ginger Schnapps". Finally, **Sarane McHugh** and John returned from a pleasant winter in San Miguel de Allende in Mexico. On the airplane she saw **Beth Newberry Phillips** ('80). **Kate McTaggart Allen's** mother, **Nancy Goldie McTaggart** '53, reports that Kate is teaching 8-year-old girls full-time. Kate and Nicholas also have the farm and several horses, and Kate sings in 2 choirs and supports the activities of daughter Isobel, 15, and son Simon, 12 (football, rugby and cricket). In the bulletin of the Garden Club of America, **Presley Neithammer Schwinn** was pictured making decorations for Christmas tours of Philadelphia's Fairmount Park Houses. Thanks for all your wonderful news. I look forward to the next batch!

1983

President: Mary Pope Hutson Waring, **Secretary:** Melissa Byrne Partington, **Fund Agent:** Virginia Claus Buyck, **Reunion Gifts Co-chairs:** Virginia Claus Buyck, **Ellen Clare Gillespie Dreyer**

Wonderful to hear from so many folks — I guess because we have reunion coming up, everyone is excited about connecting with old friends! **Lea Sparks Bennett** shared the exciting news of the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth. **Becky Reeves Alley** and her family moved to

a larger house. She is still trading stocks and her husband, Curtis works for a computer hardware and electronics company. She is going to music class with her daughter, Mary Grace (2 1/2) and enjoying it! **Nina Pastuhov** is still an executive assistant to the owners of an insurance company in Ft. Lauderdale. She spends most weekends traveling with her boyfriend. She has also been planning trips to AZ and CO and finding time to work out as well. **Kathy Barrett** continues her work in the bridal registry at a jewelry store in Richmond. She is riding and has moved out to the country. She sees **Angela Goodwin** ('82), **Sarah Babcock** and **Tish Littleton Byrne** quite often. **Julia Bass Randall** continues to enjoy sailing with her family and enjoyed some visits from **Amy Seddon Leger** and **Lizanne Schumacher Quinn**. Julia is co-chairing the Junior League of Boston-South shore area. **Katie Grosvenor Hutcheson** will have had her little girl by the time you read this — she was due in February. She and her husband live in Lookout Mountain, TN. She has written a full-length play and is trying to get it produced. Meanwhile, she is working on her second. She saw **Janet Lewis Shepherd** and **Tracy Gatewood Lyons** in Atlanta. Katie is the godmother of Janet's daughter Emilie Grace. **Martha Riggs Lowry** and her husband, Ron, have been dealing with his bout of gallbladder surgery and kidney problems. He is awaiting a new kidney any day now. She is also busy with her interior design firm and keeps in touch with **Hannah Emig** via email. Martha is also volunteering at the Sawtooth Center, the Carolina chapter of ASID and the Junior League of Winston-Salem. **Sharon Patten Massie** still enjoys working with her husband at Massie Insurance - Nationwide. She loves living on their farm and looks forward to working with the Alumnae office on recruitment at SBC. **Kim Howell Franklin** started a new job last year in membership and convention services for the National Fisheries Institute. She is enjoying her daughter Isabelle and took her to Cape Breton Island this summer. **Ruth Lewin** has been very busy in her job at an interior design firm in Naples. She and Marc took a trip to San Francisco and L.A. and had a terrific time! **Melodie Goodwin** is enjoying her second year as Vice Principal of South Hadley Middle School in South Hadley, MA. **Adriana Garza Read** is now a full time teacher at the Ronald McDonald House of Houston. She loves meeting families from different parts of the world, amongst them the Wilmeths from Guatemala whose oldest daughter is now a sophomore at SBC. She and her husband Tom welcomed a daughter, Christina Adele in June. Adriana still keeps in touch with **Leigh Cox Gary** in England. **Grayson Harris Lane** has been busy with her Ph.D. dissertation in Art History at Boston University. She has a 13-month old daughter Campbell and a baby boy due in January. She and David are enjoying life in CA and she is busy with Junior League and volunteering at the Stanford University Museum. **Laura Murphy Jennings** is an attorney at the National Imagery and Mapping agency specializing in R&D. She and husband Patrick have two sons, William (8) and Graham (4). **Suzy Flagg** writes that she has been struggling with some health issues over the past few years. She was diagnosed with diabetes at age 22 and last year lost her right leg to an infection. She recently married David Janoff, a wonderful man and RN whom she met while under his care at the hospital. She is living near family and friends and has drawn strength from her sister (also an SBC grad) who has been there for her during these difficult times. **Lizzie Pierpoint Kerrison** is busy

in Charleston, SC with her children Adair, Eliza and Horry. **Ellen Clare Gillespie Dreyer** had her third child, Stone, 12/96. She saw **Virginia Claus Buyck** and **Mary Pope Hutson Waring** at Sea Island in August. They also saw **Louise Jones Geddes** ('84) and **Kathy Toomey Gregory** ('84). **Melissa Pruyn Vaughan** is in Wilmington, DE with her husband Win and daughter Virginia. She is COO of a company called Flapdoodles which is a division of Marisa Christina, Inc. She recently spent a weekend at Wintergreen with **Kim Howell Franklin**, **Danielle DePaul Morganthaler** and **Ellen Howard**. **Wendy Chapin Albert** and her husband Tolly enjoy their two daughters Annie (5 1/2) and Eleanor (1 1/2). They are busy with their careers and house and dogs! **Alice Cutting Laimbeer** and Rick are finishing their house addition. They spent some time in Nantucket this summer with 24 other family members! Alice has been busy with her children Parker and Margot with Pony Club and ballet lessons. **Amy Painter Hur** is living in Austin, TX. **Jane Carter Ware** came through Austin in February. Amy is volunteering for school and with the Junior League. **Laura Mixon Rodriguez**, husband Leandro and children Lea (6) and Miranda (3) are settling into their 3rd year back in the US. Laura is teaching part-time at East Carolina Univ. and they are expecting their third child in early March. **Elizabeth Birkhead Glick** had her second son, Christopher Thomas in early June. He arrived about 7 weeks early and spent a few weeks in the hospital. All is well and Betsy is now going back to work part-time at Sea Pines Real Estate Co. Her husband took a new job with a division of IBM, repairing and servicing equipment in the area. **Bridget O'Reilly Holmes** took a wonderful vacation in May to Vienna and Prague. She is still very involved in volunteer work and her newest project is the Stepping Stone Museum — a children's museum in Norwalk, CT. She enjoyed a mini reunion with SBC friends, **Pam Dickens Sellars**, **Melissa Byrne Partington**, **Elizabeth Taylor Seifert**, **Barb Paulson Goodbarn** and **Mary Pope Hutson Waring** in Charleston, SC in April. **Tracy Gatewood Lyons** and Brooks look forward to seeing everyone at Reunion. They live in Atlanta and Tracy operates a project management company specializing in marketing and hospitality programs. **Polly Parker McClure** is doing well in Cleveland. She is enjoying watching her daughter grow up and still works for Allstate Insurance. They are going to Barbados to visit her sister who is living there for the next three years. **Lucy Chapman Millar** is busy with her two children, Peyton and Schuyler. She is playing lots of tennis and doing volunteer work with both of her children's schools. She went on a trip to Italy with her mom, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. **Leslie Wright Root** is busy with her sons, 9 and 4. She speaks with **Patty Sheehy-Rogers** occasionally. **Amy Boyce Osaki** spends a lot of time in Europe with her husband running trips for their company Walking Softly Adventures. On her last trip to France, she stayed in Paris for a week with the family she lived with during Junior Year in France. She also stayed in Holland with **Marijte van Duijn** who was at SBC during our senior year. **Donna Hedrick Hartmann** returned from a 3 month stay in Australia where her husband was working. Their family doubled with the birth of twin girls, Katie and Krista in February. **Amy Lisner Kaiser** lives in Short Hills, NJ and recently ran into **Rhoda Harris Irwin** ('82) and her son Carrick in a store. She plans to get together with **Rhoda** and **Deborah Price Bowman** ('82) who also lives in Short Hills. **Jeanne Waters Chapmann** and her husband had

their first child, Mason this past year. They recently moved to Franklin, WI where her husband is a vice president with Visi-Com Industries. Jeanne left her job at TV Guide to be a full time mom. They are enjoying their new home and new friends. Life continues to treat **Sarah Babcock** well in Virginia. She works from home these days...selling software to corporate customers while dressed in sweat pants. Very cool. After working at the Olympics last summer, 1997 felt rather quiet...but horses, dogs and her old house have kept her busy. **Ellen McNeally** is in Raleigh, NC with an employee owned health care information systems firm in corporate development and keeps active outside of work with friends & family. She just celebrated her 5th anniversary. This summer **Lisa Rogness** packed up her two cats and most of her belongings into a U-Haul truck and moved from Santa Barbara, CA, to St. Paul, MN "to care for my grandmother and go back to school for a degree in fine art." **Margaret Enochs Jarvis** has left academics and Virginia and moved to Iowa, where she is in a private psychiatric practice in a town of 10,000 and she remarried. She is enjoying the midwest - it is very different. **Elizabeth Taylor Seifert** is my new neighbor! She and Mark and family moved to Raleigh, NC and Elizabeth is the new Manager for Public Policy Development at Glaxo Wellcome, Inc. They welcomed their second daughter, Lydia Jane, in October. **Mimi Kitchell DeCamp** is busy with her boys, Will (7) in first grade and Rob (2 1/2) and the busy real estate market in Nashville. **Miriam Baker Morris** and Clay are happy to have just joined the 21st century - finally getting online! She still works part-time for the church. She is keeping busy with Claiborne and Sally. **Joan McGettigan** is now Director of Institutional Technology at Trinity Episcopal School, coordinating technology for the school and teaching a variety of computer classes. "I finished my M.A. at Teachers College, Columbia University this summer in Computing in Education, and also bought a house." **Leslie Malone Berger** and Kevin welcomed their daughter **Emilie Stow Monnett Berger** in February! **Blair Clark Smith** is Emilie's Godmother. Alexander (6) is in full day Kindergarten and Kiernan (4) is in preschool. She started grad. school in Communicative Disorders (Speech Pathology). Her goal is to graduate in the year 2000! **Wylie Jamieson Small** has been entrenched in the world of technology with the launch of her e-zine "Forever Families." The web address is <http://home.eznet.net/~families/index.html/ForeverFamilies.html>. She still teaches 10th and 11th grade English and welcomed Maris into the family, #2 Jack Russell Terrier. She and Stuart are watching Rudy grow so fast! He's learning to read and started squash lessons this winter. **Barb Paulson Goodbarn** and Steve are busy with their daughter's year round school schedules. They went to Disney World in Sept. when Elizabeth was off track. They spent Christmas in San Diego with Barb's family. She enjoyed seeing her SBC friends in Charleston in April. **Blair Redd Barnes** had a baby girl last year. Her name is Raleigh. Her brothers (Blair's stepsons) Brandy, 16 and Jeb, 14 love her. Blair has gone back to work, three days a week with Craig Drill Capital, a private investment firm in NYC. She is also trying to start an alumnae club for Westchester County.

As for myself, Robert and I are expecting our first baby in early May and for obvious reasons will not be attending Reunion! I want to thank you all for your correspondence over the past 15 years (yes, I have been doing this for 15 years!) and I am sorry I cannot always

print "all the news" but I am working with some strict length guidelines! My best to you all — have a wonderful time at Sweet Briar in May. Please stay in touch...

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Wendy Birtcher Anderson (Laguna Niguel, CA) and husband Bob have 4 children: Amy 7, Alex 6, Annie 4 and Adrienne 3, along with 2 dogs, a rabbit and goldfish. They have traveled to Sun Valley, ID, Chicago and HI; would love to see anyone passing through southern CA. **Patricia Andonian** (Beverly Hills, CA) loves being single, is enjoying her free time. She was laid off from her 10-year career with Litton Industries, has been catching up on things around her home. Search for a new career will begin in '98. She had breakfast with **Sarah Babcock** '83 in July. **Caroline Reece Acquino** and husband Agustin moved to Middleburg, VA. He works for Salamander Farm; Caroline is a freelance riding instructor/trainer. They expect their 1st child in Aug. '98. **Holly Pflug Allport's** 3rd child Kate was born 10/15/97, joining Sarah 20 months and Peter 3. Holly enjoys being home with family in Winter Park, FL.

Jennifer Dodge Booyen (Bossier City, LA) is a Shelter Coordinator for the YWCA battered woman's shelter in Shreveport. She has 2 girls 10 and 7 and remarried 2 years ago to a man from South Africa. They have a baby boy born 7/97. She sees **Mary Levine** '83. She is without a horse but rides as much as possible. **Colleen Kuebel Berthelot** (New Orleans, LA) is busy with real estate and son Colin, 9. **Liz Rodgers Boyd**, busy with her 2 boys, Tommy 5 and Louie 3, works a few hours a week for her old law firm doing probate and estate planning; also volunteers as President of Coffee House Press and Junior League of St. Paul. **Helen Pruitt Butler** (Charleston, SC) runs into **Cheri Burritt Yates** and **Mary Pope Hutson Waring** '83 along with **Stephanie Alford Collett**. Helen looks forward to our Reunion next year! Mark your calendars!

Gigi Collins decided to work closer to home after 13 years with Bankers Trust Co., now is an investment manager, able to spend more time with Paige 3 and expects another baby in Mar. '98. **Vicky McCullough Carroll** and husband Mike moved to NJ 12/97. She is restoring their 100-year-old home and working as a freelance writer. **Robin Cannizzaro** (St. Petersburg, FL) is in practice with Holistic Veterinary Care. She has 4 cats, 1 dog, 1 bird and 1 horse. **Michelle Scherrer Castor** was remarried, 5/4/97 to Robert Klimt, honeymooned in Cozumel, Mexico. Both work for the Department of Justice in San Antonio, TX. Michelle saw **Tracy Graves Spalding** in June '97, who is home with Emma 5 and Preston 3, and also mentors new mothers, loves living in CO. **Liz Boyer Caldwell** and husband Daniel are busy with William 6 and Elizabeth 5. Liz sells real estate in Ft. Lauderdale and volunteers for the University of Miami Art Museum where she sees **Elise Wright Wood** who lives in Coral Gables. **Carla Pellegrino Cabot**, busy with Chip 6, Lili 3 and Ann 2, is working on her new house in Brookline and has fun with a black lab puppy. **Suzanne Stovall Clarke** loves motherhood: Madeleine was born 9/26/97. She will join husband Richard in Baumholder, Germany in Mar. after his 6-month deployment in Macedonia with NATO.

Ginger Reynolds Davis, Jeffrey 9 and Carter 6, are going to Disney World in Mar. '97. Ginger plays lots of tennis and caught up with some SBC girls at **Deanne Dawson's** '86 wedding. She says no one has changed much and that **Debbie Jones** is as crazy as ever. Debbie (Richmond) bought a duplex in a great neighborhood, is enjoying fixing it up. Debbie received a promotion at Charter One Mortgage Corp., heads up their secondary marketing department. Still involved with her Consulting firm, she finds time to dabble in the gourmet canning business "The Jazz Garden." **Rosemarie Hermann Davis** and George (Cambridge, England) have 2 boys, Paul Nathan 2 and John Andrew born 11/8/97. George will finish his PhD in '98. **Margaret Dempsey** (New Orleans, LA) is a professor of Psychology at Tulane U. She teaches a lecture course to undergrads and a small graduate course. She will see **Susan Dickinson Linder** and **Holly Pflug Allport** in Orlando, FL in Apr. **Susan Croker Fisher** rides for Hopemont Farm; daughter Katie 3, already shows interest in riding. Susan was in Lexington, KY Nov. '97, stayed with **Lee Vandergrift Felts**, husband Claude and Taylor 2. **Louise Jones Geddes** is busy with 3 children, Charlie 5, Giles 4 and the newest member Lucia born 9/97. Louise ran into **Ellen Clare Gillespie Freyer**, **Virginia Claus Buyck**, **Mary Pope Hutson Waring** '83 and **Cathy Toomey Gregorie** in Sea Island, GA last Aug. I wonder if Sea Island has recovered from our visit after graduation?

Sara Greer and husband Ken Sheck live in Lexington, VA. Sara is an information officer on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. She coordinates visitor services, environmental education and interpretive programs while Ken teaches middle school English. They enjoy 2 Border Collies and country life. **Marguerite Kramer Kircher** and Stephen welcomed Sable Virginia 8/24/97. Marguerite is a V.P. working part-time with Shields & Co. as a stockbroker, and still teaches step aerobics classes. **Katie Hoffner** resigned from a marketing position to rejuvenate her soul; a few months has turned into a year. She traveled to Europe twice and roamed through the Southwest. She is preparing for a trip to Mexico to study the Mayan Goddesses of MesoAmerica. She also uses free time to volunteer in public schools, read books, enjoy her family and take classes. She moved back to CO and participated in a cattle drive with her Dad. Katie ran into **Mary Williams** in Chicago and shared with her that taking time off has been a wonderful gift to herself. It has given her fresh perspectives. I agree, Katie, everyone should do it sometime. Sister Mary Leanne (**Lee Hubbard**) is an Assistant Principal and teaches at Notre Dame Academy, Los Angeles, CA. She is excited about her opportunity to speak with 2 colleagues at the National Catholic Education Assoc. convention Easter week in Los Angeles; the topic is Friendship Games: Bringing Students Together Non-Competitively.

Virginia Lynch Kiseljack had a big year with a Feb. white water adventure to the Rio Upano in Ecuador, then marriage to Charles Joseph Kiseljack 111. They have a baby girl, Katharine Elizabeth, born 5 weeks early 11/97. Congratulations! She has seen **Ann Dalzell Perry** and **Katie Hearn** '85. **Leslie Kirkby**, husband Richard and Ian 3, welcomed a baby boy on 2/97. Leslie Caroline Photography is going strong. They live on the east side of New York City, enjoy all the benefits of city living. **Kirsten Vold Larsen** and husband have a baby girl, Eleanor Kate, 16 months. Kirsten works with an interior

design company in Chicago; they enjoy summers at her cottage in Lake Geneva, WI. **Susan Dickinson Linder** and husband Steve stay busy. Susan works in Human Resources and volunteers for the Winston-Salem Literacy Initiative. They took a trip to England in May and are making improvements on their home. **Sloan Yeadon Mills** in Atlanta, GA with Mary Pate 6 and Daisy 3, has been a paralegal with the FDIC for 8 years. She is active with the U.S. Navy Reserve and was in Naples, Italy for 5 weeks planning NATO Sea Day. On a unit ship for a week, she had the opportunity to visit Marseilles. Sloan is leading an exciting life. **Kathryn Marion** and husband Mark Meyer went to China in June to become proud parents of Sarah Zhen Li, born 3/4/96. They are now completing paper work for a sister for Sarah. During this busy, exciting time Mark's work moved them to Denver, CO. They love Denver and would love to hear from anyone living in the area. **Erika Dorr Marshall** and husband Bobby have 3 children, Wiley 6, Foster 5 and Elise 1. They moved to St. Helena, SC and plan to visit Erika's parents in London this summer. **Barbara Callahan O'Neill** is busy with children John 6 1/2, Aidan 4 1/2 and a new arrival, Maura Randle born 6/6/97.

Charlotte Perez (Wilmington, NC) works as V. P. Finance in her family business. She sings in the church choir and 2 other church ensembles. Husband Pablo and Charlotte rode a tandem in the "Hotter 'n' Hell 100" bike ride in Wichita Falls, TX, posted their best score ever. **Shannon Young Ray** and family are well. She heard from **Eleanor Wells Carter** (fine in Houston, TX), **Courtney Warrick Cherna** (3 children, living in Ohio), **Janina Madigan** (happy in Amherst, VA), and **Pamela Walsh Warren** (doing well in Gloucester, MA). **Janet Lewis Shepherd** lives in Atlanta but you won't be able to find her at home—she's traveling the world, from Bali to San Diego, and will be in Bermuda in Feb. '98. She has Robert 4 and Gracie 1; between trips she exercises and does volunteer work. **Heidi Stuke Shott** and husband Scott (ME) purchased a 1790's colonial house with frontage on a mill pond and salt water views. Heidi runs a P.R. business called Bad Dog Productions and is busy with twin boys Martin and Colin, 4. Heidi heard from **Cheryl Kenney** and hooked up with **Cecily Schultz** '85 via the SBC website. Her address is heido@lincoln.midcoast.com. **Staci Skufca** is an account executive for Trammell Crow, Boca Raton, FL. She would love to hear from anyone passing through southern FL. **Mary Trotman** and husband David have been in Reston, VA 9 years. Mary is an FBI Agent with the Department of Justice, assigned to FBI headquarters in Washington. They spend free time renovating their home. Mary sees **Lynne Largey Goldfarb** often and is her daughter's godmother.

Ann Alleva Taylor and husband Carter purchased and renovated a home in Buckhead, GA. Ann manages the Atlanta office of Rapp Collins. **Vernice Thompson** tried teaching but was burned out after a year; she took a year off, now is pursuing a career in landscape design. **Sue Walters** and husband Matt move to Moscow in Apr. '98 with Elliot 2 1/2 and Benjamin 4. You are a brave girl, Sue, all the best to you. **Cathy Kenton Williams** (Atlanta) and husband Tony had a big year with both of their companies going through mergers, Cathy was promoted to VP Legal with the new co. ERE Yarmouth. Cathy saw **Joyce Coleman** '88 at Christmas. **Sophie Desprez Whitehouse**, in North Reading, MA with husband Robert and children, Alexandre 11 and Eve

Marie 9, teaches French part-time at a Hamilton, MA private school and does some translating. For the 1st time, they went to France for the holidays: a very exciting time catching up with family. **Cheri Burritt Yates** and Jonathan moved to downtown Charleston last year. She sees lots of **Mary Pope Hutson Waring** '83 and attended a baby shower for **Cathy Toomey Gregorie**. They took 2 cruises last year and plan to cross the Atlantic on the QEII in May '98. Be sure there are enough lifeboats, Cheri! **Newie Hamlin Carapezzi** and Ronald, busy with Benjamin 3 and Gracie 1, bought a home in Fairfield, CT and are working on it. **Betsy Becton Hannah** and husband Harry are moving to Canberra, Australia. Harry will be Chief Defense Intelligence Officer to the Australian Military for at least 3 years. Best of luck to you! **Cathy Cash Mays'** family had a busy, exciting year welcoming Ashton Dawn (born 6/17/97). Big brother Jason (7) thinks Ashton is the best! "Life is certainly fun with two!" I was lucky to run into **Lili Gillespie Billings** and Jonny in San Francisco last Fall. Lili's brother was being married. Lili looks great, is busy with 4 children.

Finally, it's been a great year for the Gotfredsons. Ed and I are well, busy chasing after Teddy, 19 months. I love being home with Teddy, there is nothing like it. Thank you to everyone who wrote, the news means so much to each of us. Please plan to attend our 15-year Reunion in June '99. It would be great for the Class of '84 to be well represented and fun to see some of those faces not seen since graduation. Thanks for staying in touch! Patsy Roby Gotfredson.

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Another busy year for the Class of '85. **Linda Manley Darling** and husband moved to Las Vegas, where she is considering starting a career in real estate. **Betty Saylor** moved to San Francisco, and invites all alums to visit. **El Warner** sold her fitness business, resigned from her academic job, and moved to NY in June. **Angeleque Akin** is working on her Ph.D. in psychology at the U. of Southern Mississippi. She married Dr. Steve Little 5/23/98. **Laurie Limpitlaw** (KS) is finishing her Ph.D., and plans a fall wedding. **Nancy McMullen Bearsch** completed an MA in Health Admin. this spring. She and husband Bobby live on a horse farm in Darlington, MD. **Lenetta Archard McC Campbell** will finish her MBA at the U. of Chicago in Dec. She spent 2 weeks in Aug. in Barcelona.

Carolyn Williams DeLong (Madison, WI) is raising 2 children and learning auto mechanics. **Anne Maus** (Salisbury, NC) is a Republican Senatorial Inner Circle member. She also studies antiques, preparing to open her own business. **Trudy Cahaley** (Arrington, VA) works with an autistic child. **Barbara Tragakis Connor** (Alexandria, VA) substitute teaches for Fairfax Co. **Becky Lee Melrose** (Norfolk) teaches part-time at Old Dominion U. Children are Graeme 7, Sarah 6 and James 4. **Andrea Lawrence** teaches math, science, and phys. Ed. at Santa Barbara Charter Middle School. She lives with her partner of six years, Donna. **Mallihai Lawrence Tambyah** tutors part-time at Queensland U. in Australia. Children: Philip 4 and Tamara 1. **Ruth Sill** is head of the Math/Physics Library at the U. of NC, Chapel Hill. Also in NC, **Sandy Whaling Wierman** is a computer

programmer at Davidson College. **Ellen Carver Burlingame** is Director of Community Service at Sidwell Friends School in DC. Daughter: Rebecca Anne, 1. **Reinette Rivers Boucher** is a part-time accountant in England. Children: Alexander 3 and Caroline 1. **Leanne Weber Kreis** works as a furniture representative, and sails the Severn River in MD on a new boat. Children: Phillip 4 and Katie 2. **Marguerite Robbins Germain** is a Dermatology Resident at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. She completed her MD in '93, then spent 3 years as a Navy flight surgeon. **Elizabeth Kelly Ravitz** was promoted at AT&T; she's in charge of the extranet web team. Children: Alexander 4 and Rebecca 2. **Cecily Schulz Banks** continues as a commercial litigation lawyer in Providence, RI. **Julie Shields Hickman** married Dan Thompson 7/5/98, moved to Jackson, MS. Prior to that, she worked on environmental issues for the CA State Legislature. **Leigh Watkins Taylor** (Cambridge, New Zealand) is a television producer and is involved with the horse industry. Daughter: Gracie 6. **Joan Byrne Voss** (Arlington, VA) sells real estate; married Oliver in '90. Children: Brendan 5 and Heidi 3. **Clair Clancy Ramsay** (Little Rock) celebrated the 1st anniversary of her advertising business, RAMARC Specialties. She and husband Rick enjoy their children Jimbo 18, Liz 13, Alexandra 12 and Clancy 10. **Kim Knox Norman** (Atlanta) is a freelance graphic designer. Daughter: Sally 2. **Laura Grope** runs Girl Games, Inc. in Austin, TX. She is learning to surf. **Mary Dragas Shearin** and husband Lee own a business in Virginia Beach, and have 2 young daughters. **Dale Banfield Banning** (Newport News, VA) continues her home-based party supply business. Children: Will 5 and Mary Webb 4. **Loellen Brooks Meyer** (San Angelo, TX) is director of music at her church, and starting a fine arts school for children. Kids: Vivian 6 and Vic 4. **Laura Morrisette Clark** (Mobile, AL) does SBC College Fairs. Children: Lee 11 and Taylor 9. **Kelly Manderson Fitzpatrick** (Memphis, TN) volunteers as the editor of the Junior League's magazine, has two sons Trantum IV and Lewis. **Cheryl Fortin Young** volunteers with the ski patrol and her neighborhood association in Myrtle Beach, SC. Children: Tate 7, Timothy 3 and Kayla 1. **Caperton Morton Andersson**, Christer (her husband of 6 years), and children Eli 9 and Berit Jessie-Anna 2 live in Durham, NC. She is a volunteer graphic artist at her son's school. **Karla Kennedy Newman** also in NC, teaches Sunday school and volunteers with the Junior League. Children: Rebecca 5 and twins William and David 2. **Madge Hall Vosteen** (Sterling, VA) volunteers with the Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation. Daughters: Vaden 4 and Stryker Ann 1. **Heidi Belofsky Turk** is busily raising her 2 children in Vienna, VA. She recently took up sidesaddle riding. **Ginger Ryon Church** is in Lynchburg, bringing up Alexandra 4 and Chandler 2. **Patti Dolan Stuebe** is a full-time mom to her 2 sons in Weston, CT. She will visit Hong Kong and Thailand in Nov. **Lisa Fondeur Flaherty** lives on a farm in Sussex Co., NJ, with husband and 5 children: Shane 8, Brent 6, Clay 5, English 3 and Cameron 1. Lisa hopes that only daughter English will go to SBC. **Laurie Richmond McWilliams** lives in Sydney, Australia with husband David and sons Reid 4 and Cole 1. **Lori Waller Underwood** (London) delivered Hayden Patricia 10/23/97. Other children: Avery 6, Ryan 5 and Ashton 3. **Jeanie Guthans Wilkins** (Mobile) announces the birth of 3rd son, Joseph Michael. She works part time with the Chamber of Commerce. **Debbie Fischer Oleisky** gave birth to Emily Rebecca 2/

9/98. She assures us that 2nd children are NOT always easier to deliver! By the time these notes are published, there will be more arrivals. **Beth Anderson Kearns** (Boston) and husband Ed expect a 1st baby boy in May. Beth completed her MS in Training & Development at Lesley College. **Kama Boswell Koudelka** (Dallas) expects her 3rd son in June. **Melissa Geisel Parry**, in a new house in Clifton Park, NY, anticipates her 3rd baby in July. Other children: Nicholas 4 and Alexandra 3. Also due in July, a 1st baby boy for **Gale Oertli Braswell** and husband David (St. Albans, MO). She works as a property manager for a planned community. **Caroline Clayton Tufts** looks forward to birth of her 3rd child in July. Her home was featured in Baltimore's Spring House & Garden Show. **Cathrien de Kruffy-de Liagre Bohl**, who works part-time as a marketer in a Netherlands food company, anticipates twins in Aug. Her 1st child, Annigje, is 1. **Chantal Pirrone Sexton** (VA Beach) expects her 1st child in Sept. She married Bill in '95, and works as a paralegal. I'm thrilled to report that I, too, am expecting the birth of my 1st child, due in Oct. As always, it has been great fun receiving your notes. Because of space constraints, I couldn't include everything. I hope I recorded the most important details, and look forward to hearing from you next year!

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I was thrilled to have received so many responses after having our 10th reunion last May. One of you did not write your name on the response card so I was unable to include your news in our class notes. Apologies for editing, but we're suppose to keep it short. Here's the scoop!

Angelyn Schmid is still an attorney in Dallas specializing in environmental litigation. **Karen Conway Holloway** and husband Peter went to reunion with Angelyn and John, after visiting Angelyn in Plano, TX. Karen has two children, Briana (6) and Kevin (2). The Holloways still live in Southampton, England where Karen has returned to the graphic arts business. **Caroline Taraschi** reports having attended **Christina Knowles Petite's** wedding along with **Valerie Cardinal**, **Melanie Nelson**, **Betsy Cunningham Morgan** and **Grace Quirk Thompson** ('88). Christina and Gabriel are in the process of buying an old 1795 farmhouse in the Princeton area. **Jodi Ringland Outland** is living outside Richmond with husband Jim and sons Matthew (3) and Benjamin (8 mos.). She does some part-time consulting, but mostly she's a stay-at-home Mom. **Ansley Merritt Conner** is still in Atlanta and had her third girl, Liza, born 11/96 - busy with all three. She is also a stay-at-home Mom and volunteers at the girls' preschool. **Blair Beebe Smith** had a wonderful christening day for son, Harvard Birdsong, Jr. **Cameron Clark Sipe** and **Caroline Trask Wallace** are godmothers. Sarah (6) and Peyton (3) love being big sisters and good helpers to Mama. **Caroline Trask Wallace** had Anna Trask 11/97 and Lizzie (3) loves being a big sister. **Lee Carroll Roebuck** loves being at home with Charles John (C.J.) born 8/96. She sees **Pam Miscall Cusick** who moved into a new home outside Baltimore, MD. **Drew Hardy Jubert** had a girl, Grace Nicole, on 8/23/97 and recently moved to Crofton, MD. **Mary Yorke Robinson Oates** is still in Charlotte, NC with her two boys Harris (4) and John (1). She sees

Harriet McNair ('86), **Kaky Connors Cassada** ('86) and **Sydney Marthinson**.

Terry Lawrence Wellington was married December 1996. **Kimberly Williams Wallace** and **Jessica Lyons Castroparedes** attended the wedding. The Wellingtons live in Fredericksburg, VA and just had their first child Nash Lawrence. Terry is now at home full time. **Suzanne Wells Bergmann** is busy and happy with Leslie (4) and Bayard (2 in Feb.). She stayed with **Ansley Merritt Conner** last Sept. for a quick trip to Atlanta. **Jill O'Ree Stryker** is doing well in NJ. She and her husband have moved their pharmacy and gift store to a new location, and are also chasing around Elizabeth (4) and Richard Christopher (1). They had a visit with **Lezlie Varisco Pinto** and her family since they moved to PA.

Georgianna Conger Wolcott is in Aiken, SC with husband Randy, waiting for the birth of their first child in April '98, and getting ready to move into a new house. Georgianna has joined the board of the Aiken Steeplechase and is still painting and drawing for a living. **Kelly Reed** is living in the Capitol Hill area of Washington, D.C. and working for American Management Systems as a management consultant with lots of travel. She is still in the Army Reserves and Captain in the Transportation Corps. After years of living in NYC and working in advertising, **Cecy Gunn** finally moved back home to Austin, TX where she plans to start her own marketing business. **Anne Hales-Capo** keeps in touch with **Krysten Carter** and **Karen Holloway**. She works at Hewlett-Packard as an Engineer in their Technical Support Center. Two children Sarah (6) and Connor (3) fill her every waking moment with love and excitement. She would like to know where **LaShaun Vetzal** has gone? **Beth Parker** is still scheduled to graduate May '98 with a Masters of Education in College Student Personnel Administration from James Madison University and continues as Assistant Director of Financial Aid at JMU. She enjoys seeing children and grandchildren whenever possible. **Mina Von Voss** is still doing a temporary stint working for John Ward, a thoroughbred trainer based in Lexington, KY. She will be back to work at the veterinary clinic, Hagyard-Davidson-McGee, at the end of 1/98.

Linda Mae Visocan's position on the SBC Alumnae Board, Second Vice President, has enabled her to chair reunion weekends for the past three years. She states, "It is much more exciting when it's your class celebrating its 10th reunion! Thanks to everyone who made our 10th so memorable." **Barbara Smith** is living in Hillsborough, CA, in her eighth year on the west coast. She is selling residential real estate and loves it - enjoying one of the hottest markets in the country. She keeps in touch with **Mariah Smith Malik** ('86) and **Ellen Tozzer Smith**. She also enjoyed catching up with many SBC friends at **McKenzie Reed's** wedding in Richmond. **Leslie Ross Kellogg** was sorry to have missed the reunion due to a family wedding. She just had a baby boy in July - Tom IV. She is now in Lawrenceville, NJ settling in and meeting people. She's getting together with **Kelly Brown Varga** (also in NJ and due with her second child 10/97) and hopes to get together with **Anne Mobley Hassett** in CT. (Anne is due with baby girl #2 1/98). **Mary Via Cuoco** reports having a great time at reunion but will come by herself and not pregnant the next time for an even better time! She and her family are settling into the Chicago area, meeting people and taking advantage of all that the area has to offer. Mary welcomed her second child,

Carroll Antoinette "Ann" 11/97. **Erin Kelley Dubzinski** is teaching h.s. Spanish. She has returned several times to Spain after her Jr. Year Abroad and has lived in Mexico as well. She enjoyed seeing **Page Franson** last summer. **Liz Wilson Parrish** stays busy with Tommy (4) and Libby (1) in Richmond, VA. **Anne Bourne** now lives in Atlanta and is working on a second and third Bachelor's in Accounting and Computer Information Systems. She planned to take the CPA exam 11/97. She sees **Priscilla Newton Carroll** and **Ellen Tozzer Smith** regularly. **Dawn Wronski Martinez** has been living in UT for eight years. A beautiful place to live and raise children **Sheridan** (12), **Emily** (11), and **Christopher** (9). They play soccer, tennis, ski and hike - never a dull moment. **Liz McKnight Whatley** teaches first grade at Briarwood Christian School and coaches the swim team. She is expecting her first child 1/98.

Melanie Nelson has a new job as Corporate Communications Director at Friedman, Billings, Ramsey (FBR), an investment bank based in D.C. Still living in D.C., as she bought a house three years ago. **Shannon Wood Bush** loved seeing everyone at reunion. Daughter Eleanor turned two and has discovered swimming and shopping...her mother's revenge has come true: Eleanor loves dresses, nail polish, bows in her hair and lipstick! **Betsy Baker** and husband, Jeff Wills, are getting ready to move to Charlottesville, VA for her medical research job at UVA. Son, Aaron Jeffrey Wills, was born 3/26/97, still getting used to three children! **Rebecca Michie McVeigh** adores being at home with Emory Harris born 8/1/97. Emory's godmothers are **Courtney Banton Alford** and **Victoria Chumney** along with Rebecca's two sisters. **Vikki Schroeder** is still with Target Stores after ten years but is now an Energy Operations Specialist, working on ways for the 800 stores to reduce their energy usage which includes a lot of travel. She also works with a new rock band called "Don't Ask". She handles some of the marketing and when needed she runs sound. **Heather Davenport McCastlain** is still in Little Rock, AR and missed reunion for her son William's christening. **Julie Geddes** was present as godmother. Heather is busy at home with two children and Jr. League activities. **Sydney Marthinson** is still in Charlotte, NC working for First Union (10 years Sept.'97). She is Vice President and Quality Process Leader for a special project called Future Bank. She planned on attending **Dede Connors King's** daughter's baptism 10/97. **Anne M. Farrell** is living in Antioch, IL, an hour north of Chicago, and working at a Mixed Animal Hospital. She says she's not married but does have two dogs and three cats to keep her company. **Teresa Pike Majors** planned a 12/97 wedding to Trip (Wade Tomlinson), along with buying and renovating a house in Columbus, GA. Trip and Teresa work for the same law firm. Teresa ran into **Verda Andrews-Stroud** at a legal seminar. She looks exactly the same! Verda is now the Asst. District Attorney for Clayton County (Atlanta), GA. **Victoria Chumney** loved seeing everyone at the reunion - just like old times. She plans on a trip to VA soon to visit her godchild Emory Harris McVeigh (Rebecca Michie's daughter). **J.J. Fried Smith** and husband, Chris, have been in Germany with the U.S. Army for three years with another two to go. She admits it's been handy having been a German major. They had their second child 10/28/96 so are now a two girl household. **Maggie Fogarty** and husband, Tim, love NH! They hike as much as they can and are trying to climb all 48 of NH's 4,000

foot peaks! She enjoys her job as a social worker for Catholic Charities and her volunteer work with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. **Amy Watkins** enjoys being godmother to **Liz Wilson Parrish's** baby girl, Libby, baptized 1/98. Amy also traveled to Egypt in January for work. **Paige Taylor Grundy** and husband, Mark, live in Redondo Beach, CA. Paige is District Sales Manager for Metrotrans Corp., manufacturers of high-end shuttle and tour buses. She was recently awarded "Rookie of the Year." She travels frequently to trade shows and recently saw **Evan Wright** in Miami. Paige goes back to VA often to visit her family and **Paige Shiller** ('88).

Kathy Bryan Sanders just moved from Chicago to Colorado Springs, CO. They are busy getting settled but find it beautiful. Josh is in 1st grade, Emily is 4 and Tommy is 1. "I have my hands full!" **Louise Gilliam McGrady** had her third son, Harrison, 10/97. Wilson (6) and Alex (4) are enjoying being big brothers. They love living in Charlottesville and Louise has taken an extended leave of absence to stay at home with all three children. She stays in touch with **Brooke Rinehart Dunn** ('88), **Anne Fiery McGregor** and **Suzanne Wells Bergmann**. **Dana Driver-Rogers** is still in Dallas producing news at WFAA-TV. **Liz Stoeber Wiley** still practices appellate law in Houston. Her big news is the birth of her first child, Cameron Bradley Martin Wiley, born 5/24/97. Due to his birth she was unable to make the reunion. As for me, I am enjoying being class secretary and now need glasses trying to figure out everyone's handwriting! I love being a Mom to my two little boys, Charles Yancey, Jr. (5) and Landon "Clark" (2). I also teach preschool two mornings a week - putting that teaching certificate to good use!

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Christine Diver Ans spent 18 months in Garmisch, Germany and had a daughter, Amanda 4/20/96 while there. She and Matt are back in Camp Lejeune NC. **Lisa Haggart Arnold** and Bill are back on the east coast in New York. Lisa works for Ralph Lauren and Bill is on Wall Street. **Virginia Bennett** will marry Roy Leeds on 6/6/98. Roy is an insurance adjuster with Great West in Bloomington, IN. **Denise Landau Blind** and Fred welcomed daughter Chelsea Eileen into their world on 12/1/97. **Lisa Dalehite Brinkmann** is attending the Univ. of Texas school of nursing, hoping to graduate in 3 1/2 years with a MS in nursing and a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner's license. The family, Johannes, Patrick (5) and Monika (15 mo.) keep her busy. **Dr. Eden Zuckerman Brown** and Bill will be opening a private practice in the country. **Jennifer Roach Childs** is keeping busy in Boulder, CO. **Julie Martin Collins** and Jerry are happy in TN teaching Sunday school and participating in community projects. **Leslie Corrada** has a photography studio in San Francisco, CA where she does portraits, social and public relations events and of course, weddings. She taught at the Academy of Arts College. **Suzanne Reed Creveling** is enjoying Isabel, 2, and Andrew (born 8/11/97) in Mobile, AL. **Susan Detweiler** taught mountaineering and rock climbing for

the National Outdoor Leadership School in WY and WA State. She resides in Carbondale, CO. **Andrea Fraley** is in architectural school in Denver. **Katrina Evans Gatti** keeps busy with Mary Claxton (1) and Junior League. Paul has accepted a job offer in GA in a combined management position of 3 factories. The family will relocate to GA. **Erica Hennig** wed in June after traveling to Malaysia to meet her fiancée's parents. She is an Information Specialist at the SC Dept. of Commerce after completing her 2nd master's degree in Library and Information Science. **Cameron Cox Hirtz** and Tony moved to Fayetteville, NC where Tony is at Fort Bragg Army Base. Cameron still works as an environmental consultant for a DC based company. **Kate Cole Hite** and Tucker moved to Annapolis, MD, after Tucker left the marine corps. Kate left Ernst and Young to join USNA Alumni Association as their controller. Tucker is doing financial planning for Academy Financial. **Cheryl-Lynn Horowitz-Matheny** and Marshall are in Orlando where Cheryl-Lynn is Vice President of Human Resources for a national training company. **Kelly Meredith Jacobelli** and John moved to Atlanta where Kelly, after finishing her MBA in marketing from Case Western Reserve Univ., is a regional marketing manager with Canandaigua Wine Co. She is responsible for the premier brands in six states. **Kathryn Ingham** teaches 3rd grade at Towe Hill School, a private school in Wilmington, DE. She will marry Barton Reese 12/19/98. He works with admissions at a rival private school. **Julie Jackson** is in Oakland, CA in the fitness industry as a personal trainer specializing in back therapy. **Julie Lindauer Jacobson** attends grad. school in the Physicians Assistant Program at Emory Univ. in Atlanta. **Maia Free Jalenak** is doing a summer semester in Paris for her master's degree in art history. **Elizabeth Belser Kistler** works with Blockbuster in their corporate office in Spartanburg and chases after Lauren, 20 mos. **Denton Freeman Kump** completed her doctorate in Immunotoxicology from the Medical College of VA. She and her husband, Cyrus, had a baby boy, William Wyatt Freeman Kump on 9/11/97. Cyrus starts his residency in Orthopedic Surgery at MCV. **Kelly O'Connor** has been volunteering with the junior league of Nashville and looking at graduate schools. **Heidi Metzger Potter** enjoys being at home with Andrew (5) and Collin (1). **Jennifer Pedrick** had her first child, Lydia Pedrick DeAngelo, on 12/17/94. She will earn her Masters of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School 6/98 and hopes to be ordained in the Episcopal Church and begin a career in Parish Ministry. **Anne Powell** is an attorney with John Hancock Financial Services in Bristol, VA. **Jennifer Bach Rosen** and Rob have a new baby boy, Matthew Charles (born 5/11/97). Rob is project manager at Laitram in New Orleans and Jennifer is Newman's Learning Specialist for the middle school and college counselor for part of the upper school. **Mary Halliday Shaw's** twins turned 6 in Nov. and Kevin was 2 in Aug. Mary still sells real estate at Julia B. Fee Inc. in NY. **Melinda Sher** is a manager for a recreational equipment co in CO. **Lisa Tennant Sherrill** and Eric were married 1/94 and moved to Houston. Lisa is a contract accountant/analyst for GE Power Systems. Eric is a technical services analyst at an electronics firm. **Paige Shiller** is a Senior Account Exec. at KSK Communications, a full service AD/PR agency in DC, where she handles high-tech accounts. **Grace Quirk Thompson** is busy in Kansas City with Caroline (3) and Georgia (2). **Marjorie Holthaus Tomaso** and Bob are busy with Charlie (6), Sydney (4) and Sophie (2), and doing charity fundraising

work in St. Louis. **Kelly Brown Varga** and Geoff and Jack (18 mos.) welcomed Emery Jeane 10/12/97. **Nici Fraley Williams** has gone back to practicing law in Birmingham, AL. **Carrie Winkler** is living in Manhattan doing residential decorating. She will marry Clive Rowe in Toronto in the summer of 1998. **Heather Shettle Witherspoon** and Bill are busy between law offices, their little company, working on their house and chasing 2 daughters (Amanda 2 and Cece 5 mos.). Danny and I keep busy chasing after Ryan, now 2. Danny is farming and I continue in my third grade classroom. Can't wait until May. See you all then.

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Technology really makes a difference! I've heard from many of you, via email, that have not written in the past. Some even logged onto SBC Alumnae web page. (If you haven't checked it out, you should!) It has also helped in locating many of our lost classmates. If you know of anyone who has moved, please have them send in an update. I usually end the "Notes" with my news, but for a change, I'll start. I have a new job as the BioProducts Technical Representative at Wako Chemicals USA. I will have the opportunity to travel to Osaka, Japan, where the Waco company is located, and hope to visit SBC friends. I went to New Orleans for **Madeleine Blanchard's** marriage to James Corbo 1/31/98. **Allyson Welch Cain** was her matron-of-honor. Mad and Jim (Alexandria, VA) both work for the American Red Cross National Headquarters in DC. **Sandy Compton** (Laurel, MD) teaches 1st grade and married Neil Sellman 4/3/98. **Sarah Anderson Stanton** and Murray welcomed their 1st child, Gray Adams on 3/21. **Pauline Hanson Palm** and husband Chris live in Arlington, TX; Pauline teaches and works at a museum part-time. **Christina Stoltz** married Scott Feldkamp 9/20/97. Chrissy works for Mary Kay Cosmetics and Scott is a teacher. Their email is mkayapple@aol.com. **Kate Robinson** married John Hillestad 7/3. **Beth Donald Owen** married Bill on 7/19/97; Bill is originally from Reading, England, but both reside in Columbus, OH. **Heather Varney Rooney** lives in Denver, CO with husband Frank (W&L). They had their 3rd daughter, Ashlyn 12/21/97. Other children: Hailey 5 and Hunter 3. **Clara Green** continues as an actress and singer in DC. She has begun directing and producing. She signed on with an agent and is looking for film work. **Krista Biggs** (Louisville, KY) is back in grad. School. **Susan Stoebner** finished her Art History MA and worked for a while on the children's show *Wishbone*. She moved to LA where she would like to work in film development. On the way she visited **Laura Mangus**, who relocated to Northern NM. She sold the Herb School, but still teaches. **Whitney Bay** adopted a ferret named Marley. She spent a week in Paris with her Mother 5/97, traveled to Thailand and San Diego on business, and saw **Michele Beauvais Malseed** in Tulsa, OK. **Nancy Quinones Chancler**, Bob, and their 2 greyhounds and 2 cats are in Richmond, VA. Nancy changed jobs and now markets the Commonwealth of VA to companies thinking of expanding and/or relocating. **Camelia Washington** teaches 4th grade in Newport News, VA. She completed her MS in Elementary/Middle School Ed. from ODU. She has pledged the Hampton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. She visited **Geneal Darden Lauder** 12/97, while she was expecting her 1st

child. She and husband Richard had a baby girl 1/8. **Camelia** also saw **Tiffini Minatel** while in NY. **Elizabeth Fokes** and husband, an Atlanta lawyer, plan to travel to Rome and Medjugorje. **Rachel Hickman-Thiebes** is now a stay-at-home mom with son, Alexander. Her husband is still in the Army, and they are still in Stuttgart, Germany. **JoAnn Bogolin** lives in Atlanta with her greyhound, Danielle, and works for Towers Perrin. **Stacey Hannan Quinn** and husband Michael had their wedding and honeymoon in Aruba. They are renovating and decorating their home in Boca Raton, FL. Their yellow lab puppy also keeps them busy. Stacey creates system documents for wireless communication systems as a principal technical writer for Siemens Telecom Networks. **Amy Sanidas** works for Deloitte & Touche Management Consulting in San Francisco. She is also starting her own information consulting business. She and boyfriend Dan traveled in SE Asia. Anyone traveling to the Bay area can email Amy at asanidas@earthlink.net. **Courtney Keil Price** and husband moved from England 3 years ago, and bought their 1st home. Courtney stays home with children (Emma 2 and Robin 4), but works part-time as an Avon Representative. **Leslie Braginetz** married Mich Lemish 12/28/97; they are redecorating their home in Great Falls, VA. Leslie transferred to Internet Consulting Services at EDS and will do Web Development. **Audrey Mullen** can be seen and heard on C-Span & conservative talk radio. She works for ATR, loves lobbying in DC for conservative fiscal policy issues, and was profiled in the 2/98 issue of *Harper's Bazaar*. **Margaret Frazier** has bought a house in Memphis, TN and has new job as Director of Development at the Memphis Botanic Garden. **Wheat Story** married Todd Teller (Ole Miss '90); he graduated seminary at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Clarksdale, MS. Wheat teaches kindergarten and expects her 1st child 10/98. **Kelli Ketchum Morgan** and husband Jim married 7/6/96; they live in Huntington, WV, bought a house and are remodeling. Their baby was due in June. **Tish Markey Hutter** and Rob (W&L '88) live in Minneapolis with Harrison 3 and Katherine 2. They returned to Lexington for Rob's reunion in May. **Christen Anderson** married Tom Abernathy in Rumson, NJ, 7/97. They live in Chicago, IL. **Rebecca Hendrix** was part of the wedding party. She works in Ridgefield, CT as a merchandise manager for Inflight Duty Free Shop, a division of Duty Free International. Rebecca sends news of several classmates, (THANKS!). **Penny Burnett** is merchandising for Target in Minneapolis. **Dana de Holl** is busy with twins. **Debbie Schmidt** works with Trusts and Estates at Sotheby's in NY. **Lee Lefkovits Dawkins** is busy with baby, Everette, in Birmingham, AL. **Jill Causby Skerlak** and Michael moved to Seattle from Southern CA. They look forward to making their home on the East Coast. Mike is a merchandiser for Home Depot, and Jill works in management at Talbots. **Elizabeth Howie** married Dennis Scott Christian 8/1. They honeymooned in Turkey. **Julie Littleton Smith** and Buddy expected their 2nd child (boy) in May; Harrison 5 started kindergarten. **Helen Bradley Tarbutton** and Charles still live in Sandersville. They had their 1st child, Mary Helen McNatt Tarbutton 6/5. **Twig Odell Tucker** and family live in Richmond, VA. Jimmy works for AMF Bowlings and Twig stays at home with their 2 sons: Jack 3 and William Rezeau, born 6/23/97. She visited in FL with **Jill Needham Dunn** and her son Ryan 1. Twig hopes to see **Karen Greer Goss**, who now has 2 boys, this Fall. She keeps in touch with **Amy Ottaway Zambetti** who

also has 2 boys. She is back in Atlanta, after living in Brussels. (You are right Twig, no SBC students here!) **Deanna "Bunny" Catana Lemert** (FL) left her job to be a full-time mom to daughter, Phebe, born 7/97. They moved into a new house along with their Westie, Campbell. **Christina Hostelly** married Edmund F. Capozzi in Aug. at Bald Peak Colony Club in NH. Edmund graduated from Brown U., and is President of Modern Industries, Inc., which specializes in custom cabinetry and high-end custom molding. They will live in Providence, RI. **Laura Lawson Trevey**, Sam and Carole 1, are still in Richmond and expect their 2nd child in June. Laura works part-time as a travel agent. **Suzanne Rester Watson** and husband, Tom, live in Atlanta. She is an interior designer for Dilger-Gibson. **Angie Cabell** married Richard Wolkiewicz in Oia, Greece 10/20/97. They live in Powhatan, VA. **Donna Meyer Hodgert** (Lynchburg) enjoys her 5th year of teaching 6th grade at Forest Middle School in Bedford. Her son Cal 3 also keeps her busy. She had the opportunity to be assistant swim coach at RMWC. **Brook Haw Spencer** had another baby girl, Millicent Crawford Spencer 2/2, and daughter Elsie is 4. **Shelley Brashear Tomlin** is busy with Haley 3 and Edward James 1. She is active in the Junior League volunteering at Parkland Hospital, and works toward her Pediatrics Nurse Practitioner's license. Her husband's antique business has allowed for some buying trips to NY. **Tracy Carter Warren** is expecting another baby in Nov. Daughter Caroline is 3. They will relocate to DC from CT since Andy has a new job with GE Capital. **Michelle Henderson McGhee** and her husband bought a house last summer, after their apartment was burned by an arsonist. She is a legal assistant with a law firm in Atlanta, and volunteers while helping **Ramona Leonard** plan her wedding. It will soon be time for our 10th Reunion! I look forward to seeing everyone in May '99. Take care!

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Here is the latest from our classmates. **Stephanie Berger** lives in CO and works in public administration. She worked with the AIDS walk last year and sees Jen Kemper frequently. She will be locating to either Washington, DC or San Francisco, CA soon. **Amy Bryan** married Jay Merselis on 7/5/97 and finished her masters in classical studies at the Univ. of St. Andrews in Scotland. She owns her own business in Williamstown, PA. **Betsy Butler** lives in Columbus, OH and was chosen as one of the Forty Under Forty honorees by Business First, a local newspaper. **Vickie Campo Byrd** lives in Augusta, GA and is Director of Communications with the Augusta Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau. She and Garnett (HSC '90) celebrated their first anniversary 9/97 with a trip to Bermuda and attended the Masters Golf Tournament. **Cara Ardemagni LaRoche** ('92) and her husband visited with Vickie and Gar this summer. She keeps in touch with **Trienel Ahearn** ('92), **Marie Wright Halder**, **Stacey Lawrence** and **Twig Odell Tucker** ('89). **Katherine Cooper Hoffman** lives in Bethesda, MD where she works at a newstalk radio station and is building a house. **Ann Crow Galanides** and husband welcomed a new daughter this past summer. **Allene Doucette Miller** and her husband live in Maine and

she is pursuing her art degree at USM. **Stacey Lawrence** visited with her and she keeps in touch with **Jennifer Gregg**. **Melanie Duke** has relocated to Washington, DC from Miami, FL and frequently travels to visit SBC classmates. She was in **Stephanie Brundage's** ('92) wedding 8/97, visited with **Laurel LeStrange** in Charleston, SC and visited with **Amber Vellenga** in KY last summer. **Ruth Ewers** works as a case manager for Region Ten Community Services in Charlottesville, VA and writes articles for children's magazines. She is also working on her first book. **Mamie Farmer Farley** lives in Richmond, VA. She and Matthew celebrated their first anniversary 6/97. He is in his third year of law school and Mamie still works for Daniel Realty Corporation. **Shelbie Filson** lives in Lynchburg, VA and works for the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center. She taught an acting class to 6-10 year olds and performed in a local production of *Grease*. **Gwen Fisher Glew** lives in Seattle, WA with her husband Rich who works for the Microsoft Corporation. She is 1/3 of the way through her pediatric medical residency. **Christine Flint Canterbury** and husband Joe live in Germany. She is an English teacher for various companies and he works for Mercedes-Benz. They both love the beer but are tired of the sausage! **Renee Gardner** and her fiancé are traveling in Australia. **Nicole Gauthier** has been traveling extensively with work and visited Australia with her husband and **Melinda Wick** ('92) in 11/97 to go scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef. **Kathryn Glass** is in her last year of residency at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis, TN. She will start a 4-year assignment with the Navy as a family physician the summer of '98. She lives in Holly Springs, MS with her husband John (HSC'90) and their 1 year old daughter. **Catherine Goslau** lives in Denver, CO and is a personal banker with Vectra Bank. She will be showing her new horse in 1998 and keeps in touch with **Tammy O'Malley**. **Jennifer Gregg** lives in Atlanta GA and works for Egleston Children's Hospital. She keeps in touch with many SBC friends through E-mail. **Kathryn Hagist Yunk** will be moving to WI soon with her husband where he has a new job in computer consulting. She traveled to Germany, Argentina, Brazil and Mexico last year and visited with **Carey Bates** in Washington, DC. **Lorraine Haire Stanley** lives in Fairfax and is the Assistant Principal at the Town & Country School of Vienna. She and Bill have been remodeling their home and he has moved to a large prominent law firm in Arlington. **Signee Hoffman** lives in Bakersfield, CA and joined the staff of Mind & Body Chiropractic 10/96. She swam across the San Francisco Bay and joined the Bakersfield Rotary 6/97. **Karen Hoti** lives in Atlanta, working for an interior design firm and working towards a second B.A. degree in Interior Design. **Erin Katz** lives in NY and is a fourth year med. student at St. George's Univ. School of Medicine. **Ann Keating** lives in Centreville, MD and is a site engineer for a national business internet carrier in Washington, DC. She lives with her fiancé Philip and her Jack Russell Terrier Remus. **Jen Kemper** lives in Denver, CO with her boyfriend Jeremy and recently bought a house. She was promoted to Pre Press Manager at the publishing company she works for and she manages the editors and designers. **Mary Lansford Price** and her husband Tim will be moving to Charlottesville from Haymarket, VA soon. She enjoys riding and he is a senior programmer at Kesmai Corp. **Stacey Lawrence** lives in NY and was recently promoted to assistant vice-president at ITG, Inc. She joined the Junior League, visited with **Marie Wright Holder** in Italy

and **Allene Doucette Miller**. **Emily Leming** lives in Green Village, NJ and received her EMT certificate 11/96. She volunteers for the Chatham Emergency Squad, works for Liss Pharmacy and keeps in touch with **Amber Bennett Moncure**. **Leigh Matzdorf** lives in Philadelphia and works for Option One Mortgage. She will be getting married 12/97. **Amy Dickson Riddell** ('92) is matron of honor and **Nancy Quinones Chanler** ('89) is also in the wedding. **Brice McRae Tenison** is expecting her second child 3/98. She is teaching riding lessons and enjoys living on a farm with her husband and daughter. **Raynelle Muench Araque** was married 10/96 to Carlos Araque at the Basilica di San Marco in Venice, Italy. She works for Clinique and substitute teaches in Fairfax, VA. She and her husband plan to open a restaurant in the summer of 1998. **Suzanne Petrie Brady** is the director of Latin American Programs at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. **Elliott Pitts** lives in Maine and works for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. She writes a weekly newspaper column and spent a fantastic summer on Squirrel Island and in Camden biking, hiking and kayaking. **Lisa Rabasca Dougherty** lives in NY, works at the Stony Brook School of Medicine and is the cheerleading coach. **Megan Read Lindberg** and husband Eric (HSC) welcomed a son last summer. **Beth Robinson Dean** lives in AL and teaches third grade at Mountain Brook Elementary School. She visits with her dad on Anna Maria Island, FL once a month. **Susan Sickles Dyer** finished her graduate program in business at Harvard Extension 6/97 and relocated to Woodside, CA with her husband and son. They welcomed a second son 10/97, Theodore Austin Dyer. **D'Andrea Simmons** lives in Santa Monica, CA and works in Beverly Hills as a writer and production assistant. She will be traveling to the Caribbean with her family 12/97 and will attend the Cannes Film Festival in France 5/98. She is in the process of starting her own production company and she keeps in touch with **Amy Lemieux**, **Connie Gehrman** and **Kristen Walberg**. **Susan Spurrell**, in Richmond, is working toward her masters. She joined the Junior League in 1996 and is the Assistant Director of the Maymont Foundation. **Kristen Walberg** lives in Washington, DC and is getting married 6/98 in Newport, RI. As for me, **Kimber**, I am enjoying life in Nellysford, VA (near Wintergreen) with my husband, two year old son, and my two Jack Russell Terriers. I keep in touch with many 1991 SBC classmates and **Katherine Black** ('92). I coach for the Seminole Lacrosse League in Charlottesville during the summers. My family suffered a tragic loss on November 14, 1997 - my brother died after complications from a motorcycle accident that happened in June 1997. I hope to hear from all of you again real soon.

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Amy Johnson Thompson and husband Mike both work for Anderson Consulting in Houston. They both are involved with an inner city mentoring program and travel for fun. **Katey Miller Hennig** and husband Gary had a baby boy, Caswell August Hennig, on 5/10/97! She has a 2-year leave of absence from teaching to be at home with him and loves it! **Jennifer Toomey Driscoll** and husband Charles (W-N-L '89) enjoy living in Annapolis

and preparing for the arrival of Baby Driscoll in late March. Jen works for the Challenger Center in Alexandria VA. **Julianne Hanneken Linza** and Jim are expecting their first child in May. She finished her masters and they plan to build a house soon. **Trienel Ahearn** is busy with her job at Labat-Anderson which has taken her to England, WA state, TX, and NH to name a few! She is pursuing her masters at the University of CO in Denver and enjoys all the CO activities.

Catherine Gornto Freeman and her husband are enjoying "N'awlins" where she was promoted to Development Director of the Museum at Longue Vue House and Gardens. **Lori Saraniero Butterfield** and her husband are moving to Charleston, SC from CT and building a house in Mt. Pleasant. Lori started her own business of hand-painted glassware called Fields Glassware - look for it at Nordstrom!! **Ashley Cobb Wilhite** and her husband Travis both enjoy working for Dell Computer in Austin, TX, bought their first home and are renovating. **Margaret McClellan** had a great Thanksgiving with **Jennifer Toomey Driscoll** and **Tracy Scileppi**. She enjoys her job at Alexander O'Neil Haas and Martin, a fund raising consulting firm. She is expecting the arrival of Baby Driscoll in May. **Jaimie Del Monte Galbreath's** daughter, Katherine Townsley, was born 3/18/98. **Amy Peck** is godmother. **Kelly Brown Estes** is busy as a mom to Benjamin, 16 mos., and as a teacher in Rappahannock County. She keeps in touch with **Heather Metzler Allen** and is going to **Megan Spadaro's** July wedding. **Liz Roane** is a Corporate Sales Executive for Tiffany and Co. in NYC. She went home for Thanksgiving and spent time with **Ginger Marks Collier** '91.

Kate Haw is fulfilling a dream of working and living in NYC! She loves her job as Director of Peter Tillou Works of Art-a gallery on the upper East Side. She spends time with **Kimberly McGraw Euston**, **Diana Bradford** and **Stephanie Sage** '88. **Cara Ardemagni LaRoche** and her husband are in Pittsburgh and Cara loves her job at Ellis (an all-girls school environment that reminds her a lot of SBC!) teaching 5th grade maths. She saw **Julie Brideweiser** and **Amy Dickson Riddell**, her husband Tim and their daughter, Lauren at **Leigh Matzdorf's** '91 wedding in Dec. **Anne Vogel** will be married on 4/18/98 in VT to Jason Swan whom she met at New England Culinary Institute. **Heather Swenberg** '93 will be one of her bridesmaids. Anne hopes to pursue baking and pastries as her culinary expertise. **Emily Ghiz** also graduated from New England Culinary Institute and is in CO managing the bakeshop at the Ritz Carlton making croissants, Danish pastry, brioche! **Kimberly McGraw Euston** and her husband Greg moved to NY in Oct. She is working on Wall Street for JP Morgan, trading foreign currencies for pension funds, speculators, etc. She took the big plunge from an airplane on a skydiving trip with clients!! **Jenny Brodlieb Cacioppo** was married 11/8/97 to James Cacioppo in NYC. At the wedding, **Ann Lindquist**, **Pokey DuPont Schiff**, **Jackie Geets**, **Lisa Grego**, **Bonnie Insalaco Abrams** '93, **Hopie Carter** '94, and **Kim Clayton** '94 all came to wish them well. She is still working in P.R. at Ralph Lauren and looks forward to seeing her sister, Sam Brodlieb '98, graduate from SBC.

Letty Romo moved to NC after having worked for a year at SBC as a sabbatical replacement. She is finishing her dissertation, teaching at the university, and also working part-time at a research center for child development as well as learning the piano, and keeping up with fencing in her spare time! **Muffin Crouch Camp**

moved to Atlanta after several years in Savannah with her husband, Morris and her son Tripp. She is selling Discovery Toys while keeping up with her son and two dogs! They affectionately call their house Wild Yngdom! **Kristen Liljegen** is doing a Ph.D. and teaching ESL at the University of Florida! **Amy Ghiz** is Marketing Manager for Loadmaster Systems and also works as a sales associate for Williams-Sonoma. She is taking ballroom dancing lessons, working on short stories, and hopes to go to France in Aug. or Sept. '98. **Brett Haltiwanger** is working on her Ph.D. in Philadelphia and plans to move to San Francisco or Denver in about a year. **Kathy Hughes** starts her fourth year of veterinary school at Virginia Tech., and is also still working on her Ph.D.! She saw **Marty Jaccarino** and **Kyra Meelan** at **Stephanie Brundage's** wedding. **Elaine Barksdale Finucane** and her husband are in Nashville where she sells residential real estate and just bought a home herself. She and Michael grow tobacco on their 2+ acres! **Jennifer McCallum Brose** is also practicing real estate and between the farm, work, pet therapy, and junior league she is very busy! **Jennifer Valentine Van Ness** and her husband Jim enjoy their new house in Richmond with their two golden retrievers. Jennifer is selling real estate and coaching at St. Catherine's. **Harriet Farmer** is enjoying her first year as an art teacher at Steamboat Springs H.S. **Kelly G. Arden** is moving to New York on 2/1 where she will continue her work in Mental Health counseling. She plans to get involved with Junior League, U. of Fl. Alumnae, and Tri Delta alumnae groups in NY. **Susan Schminthhauser** graduated from CUNY School of Law at Queens College and is studying for the NY bar 2/98. She plans to move to MD to be closer to her family and hopes to get a job as a criminal prosecutor or representing the poor. **Melinda Wick** is still with Carlson Marketing Group. She travels all over the world and met **Nicole Gauthier '91** and **Claire Stapleton '91** in Australia! She also has seen **Donna Peters '91** and **Anne Knoke**. **Tracy Loftus Keller** and her husband Christopher are in PA with a house full of cats and dogs! She works in a law office and enjoys fox hunting. **Holly Caswell** is Manager of Individual Support for the High Museum of Art in Atlanta. She will be married to David King in 6/98. She regularly sees **Kimberly Olmstead**, **Margaret McClellan Driscoll**, and **Keeley Sullivan Jurgovan**.

Kristina Glusac is beginning the architecture license exams for IL. **Charlotte Bonini** moved back to the US (NY to be exact) and is finishing her Ph.D. Fall '97 she was in SE Asia to present a paper at a conference, visit some friends and have some R&R! **Kelly Morton Robinson**, her husband and their two children, Hannah and Andrew, moved into their new home 6/97. She visited with **Dabney Ledyard Hopkirk** and **Margaret McClellan Driscoll** and loved seeing everyone at reunion. **Lindsay Jenkins Matthews** and her husband Paul and 2 children are living in Stamford CT. **Kathleen Davis Willis** and her husband are in Bethel, ME where she works for the American Skiing Company in the marketing dept. She keeps in touch with **Holly Hicks '93** and **Harriet Farmer**. **Alicia 'Pokey' Schiff Dupont** is a paralegal in Los Angeles. She and her husband, Billy, live in West Hollywood. She was married in sunny CA on Labor Day '96.

I must mention what everyone wrote in her notes- "Reunion was excellent!" We missed all of you who could not make it! Please plan to come next time! As for my update-it was a wild year! I moved back to At-

lanta from VA in June, was engaged to Clay Calhoun in Aug., and found a job with a computer company, IntelliNet, in Sept. Clay and I will be married in March and will stay in Atlanta. Thanks for all the news and notes! Have a blessed year!

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Pamela Subranni Berman's twin girls, Colby and Logan, will turn 3, 5/98. She and family live in Margate, NJ: Pamela works in real estate for Blumberg Associates. **Andrea Dickson** finished her MA 5/97. She loves teaching HS English and Speech, and coaching Dance Team. **Wendy Wilcoxson Jennings** lives in Amherst about a mile from SBC, plans to go to med school. For now she works at Lynchburg General ED as a health unit coordinator for the Army Reserve, and is active with the volunteer emergency services. **Amy Waite** (Atlanta) does HRIS training for ADP. She keeps in touch with several SBCers: **Corrine Judeikis**, **Carson Scheppe '95**, **Caitlin Sundby '94**, **Karen Hott '92**, and **Alison Chance Gabrielson '94**. Amy went to Raleigh for **Kristen Swenson's** wedding where she saw **Britt Ellison**, **Steph Brown** and **Eleanor Guild**. **Christen Bugg Watson** married J. Patrick 10/18/96 in New Orleans. **Kathy Ganahl** and **Bridgette Buynak** were bridesmaids. Chris works as a HR consultant for GE Capital Mortgage in Raleigh. **Tracy Parker** is in grad school, Lynchburg College. Son Timmy is 2; they live in Madison Heights with Tracy's fiancée, Tim. **Jaki Loy Canaday** and Brian (Roanoke) bought a 1910 home, which they plan to renovate. She keeps in touch with **Michelle Gibbs**, **Ginger Amon White '94** and **Carolyn Bloxson**. **Stacey McClain** is engaged to Bob Folwell. **Sabryna McClung** and **Lesley Byers '94** will be in the wedding. Stacey was recently promoted to Senior Developer at Cobra Tech. **Lily Anderson** is engaged to Gus Hartman, works for Nincon and plans a trip to New Orleans 5/98. **Heather Greaves** will graduate 8/98 with an MS degree, then plans a trip to S. Africa where she hopes to present her research at the International Equine Meeting. **Mimi Davies Wroten** and Neil are in their 2nd year at SBC. Mimi teaches riding, takes students to IHSA and weekend shows. Mimi says SBC has some exciting future plans in the works. **Ellen Ober** (Falls Church) teaches 2nd grade and works with Youth Group teens. **Norma Bulls Valentine** and Val bought a home, are busy with renovations. Norma started her own business, a barn specializing in dressage and combined training. Sister Nancy manages a show barn. They keep in touch with **Megan Spadaro '92** and **Tracy Imse**. Tracy (Boston) purchased a condo and works for General Reinsurance. She spends free time with her 2 dogs and competes in horse shows. **Hilary Taylor Bukumirovich** is in her 2nd year of law school at LSU. **Beth James** (Richmond) is a supervisor at First North American Nat'l Bank. She speaks with **Muffin Steers Farese** and Maria Bergh. **Laura Goebel Hammer** (IA) enjoys being a mom to Keith 2, and Ethan, born 10/97. **Debra Elkins** is in grad school at Texas A&M in Industrial Engineering and works on her dissertation research. **Maura Hutchins** (NYC) works in advertising on the account for Jose Guerra Tequila. **Annegret Weckerle** (DC) works at Bell Atlantic's Law Dept. She recently saw **Maura** and **Tutti Foshay** while visiting NYC. **Daniella Ceccarelli Toomey** and Chris will graduate 5/99, Chris as a DDS and Daniella with a BSN. Their home

has grown to include 3 dogs and a cat, and **Steph Brown** lives in the loft upstairs. Steph and Daniella had a mini reunion with **Eleanor Guild** and **Kerry O'Donnell** before Kerry headed to NY. Kerry has left the Nat'l Gallery in DC, taken a position as Director of Marketing and Communication at the Int'l Ticketing Association (INTIX). Kerry has gotten reacquainted with **Lisa LaLonde**, as Lisa recruited Kerry to help her move. **Wendy Stevenson** (Arlington) will graduate U MD 5/98 with an MA in Physical Therapy. She plans to visit England prior to starting a job at Sibley Memorial in DC. **Camelot Lindauer** will graduate law school 5/98, plans to take the OR bar exam. She interned at the Portland Museum in Art Law. **Ashley Celis** graduates from the Med. College of GA, 6/98, and will head to Philadelphia to start training in Dermatology at Allegheny Hahnemann Hospital. Ashley keeps in touch with **Bonnie Insalaco Abrams**, **Hopie Carter '94**, and **Karen Valanzano**. **Heather Swenberg** graduates from Columbia U 5/98. She participates in horse shows and coaches the Columbia Equestrian Team. She will be a bridesmaid for **Ann Vogel '92** and godmother to **Melissa Thomason O'Toole's** baby due 4/98. She also keeps in touch with **Melinda Junker** and **Camille Crawford**. **Holly Witt Aitken** and husband traveled to Egypt – she traveled light through the desert because her luggage remained in Athens! **Kay Pierce** married Scott Sugarbaker 5/2 in Houston with **Hilary Larson** and **Diane Hayes Doss** as bridesmaids. **Kristen Swenson Sloop's** decorative painting business (Raleigh) keeps her busy while David is seeking another degree. **Harpreet Bedi Garcha** married Santidee 12/28/97. Harpreet works for Cisco Systems, Inc. as a corporate attorney. **Kerry Pollack** traveled to India to participate in the wedding ceremony. **Jennifer Mooney** (Tampa) works as a senior consultant for Pender Newkirk doing systems integration and Internet design. She plans to wed Christopher John Risey, a financial consultant to Tunstall, 10/3/98. **Ashley File** works in the Trauma unit at the Medical University of SC. She spends free time fishing and helping **Elizabeth Harder** plan her 9/19 wedding to Elliott Botzis. **Polly Crawford** (McLean, VA) continues to work for Lord & Taylor, goes to night school for her MBA. Polly, Ashley, and **Michelle MacMurtrie Constable** will be bridesmaids for Izzy. Michelle and Jeff moved to Alexandria. She hosted a pre-reunion desert party 3/28 with Polly and Ellen Ober for all class members in the DC area. **Erin Currie Reilly** left the Girl Scouts to be a full-time mom. She and John welcomed Caitlin Susan 11/19/97. **Beth Gilkeson**, still with ABI, bought a condo in Alexandria and looks forward to being an aunt for the 1st time. **Stephanie Turner** works for the State of AZ Dept. of Commerce as the Trade Specialist for the Americas. I married Andy Cole 7/26/97. **Stephanie Hanson '94** gave a wonderful sermon as fellow SBCers Ellen Ober, Lisa LaLonde, **Danielle Tedesco** and Mimi Davies Wroten looked on. **Christina Andert Hoy**, David, Conner (1) and Virginia stayed with Andy and me prior to Thanksgiving. We had a great visit as the Hoy's searched for a home near David's new job in King of Prussia. I hope many of you plan to attend Reunion 5/29/98. See you back at SBC!

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Holla, Holla, Class of 1995! It was great hearing from you. Although we are scattered across the globe, it is

such a comfort to have good ol' SBC keeping us in touch and together. **Holly Prothro Philbin** married Phillip on 04/26/97 and they bought their first home. In their wedding, **Sarah Glenn Stafford** was maid of honor, and **Leslie Toro** and **Brandy Holland** ('96) were attendants. Sarah Glenn is working her way up the ladder at Camp Pegasus, a place that helps youths get their lives back on track. **Robin Hendrickson** lives in Dallas, has joined the Jr. League, and is active in her church Bible Study. Leslie lives with Polly Crawford '93 in Baltimore and works for Lord & Taylor. **Amy Schroeder Hunter** and Jeff live in HI and spend most of their time at the beach snorkeling around lava reefs. They are looking forward to whale-watching on the North Shore in the Winter. They get many visitors... surprise, surprise. **Christy Patten** visited them in summer '97. Christy is a flight attendant for Continental. She travels between Paris and Newark for work but travels all over the world — even Jerusalem — in her spare time. **Lyssa Vaught** lives in Alexandria, just outside of Washington, DC. **Wendy Long** is engaged to Joel Holland from Berkeley, CA. They will be married 6/20/98 in Nantucket. Wendy works at a computer training school in San Francisco and is head coach of a h.s. girls Lacrosse team. **Sarah Scales** and **Jennifer Noble** will be bridesmaids in Wendy's wedding. **Jenn Noble** lives in NYC where she is considering work in the culinary field. **Anne Cho** also lives in NYC and is a major exec. for Paine Webber. She flies all over the country evaluating their branch offices. **Karen Giorgetti** completed her MS in child development at Purdue University, IN and is pursuing her Ph.D. **Keena Seagle** is part-time faculty at James Madison Univ. She teaches zoology labs and is doing prep work for Microbiology labs. **Mandy Monk** completed her M.A. in international studies and has moved to London, England. She received an email from **Genie Stark** who reports she is applying to law school. **Megan Maltby**, **Beverley Stone**, and **Bergen Hall** live together in Richmond, VA. Beverley finished graduate school at VCU 12/97 and is student teaching h.s. English. Megan is counselor at a residential treatment facility for adolescent boys. She is applying to get her MSW. Wedding bells for Megan? Bergen teaches kindergarten and is very happy. **Jennifer Gaudette Nelson** graduated from Christopher Newport Univ. in 05/97. She married LTJG Douglas Nelson (Nav. Acad '93) on 06/28/97. **Ericka Bishop** was Mistress of Ceremonies, and **Nancy Wieg** attended. Nancy Wieg is finishing her second year of med. school at George Washington Univ. She says she is ready to get out of the classrooms and into the hospitals! Ericka lives in Charlotte, NC. **Tricia Lynn** works full-time and is going to Colorado State U. as a post-bachelor to get her teaching certificate. She hopes to start grad school soon. She spent summer '97 in Alaska. **Tory McClintock** married Dr. Robert Cosby Wade on 07/19/97. **Laura Janae Thomas** was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were **Bridget Bayliss**, **Jenn Beck** ('96). They now live in Blackstone, VA. **Kathryn Czarkowski** is a clinical research associate in the Dept. of Psychiatry at Yale Medical School. She is in grad school for a masters in Psychology. **Amy Woods** works at Interaction in their Commission on the Advancement of Women. She lives with Peter and their puppy, Mira, in Georgetown, Washington, DC. **Charlotte Hawkins** (English Exchange Student 94-95) has finished her degree in England and works for a major finance company just outside London. She lives with her boyfriend of two years, and they plan to visit **Theresa Moore Smith** and her husband in

FL. **Lee Roman Winn** is pregnant. The baby is due 3/10/98, and she and Jason have no clue what the sex is. They are in Pensacola, FL while Jason is in flight school and will be there until next summer when Jason gets his wings. **Jill Goolsby** will pursue her M.S. in Defense & Strategic Studies at Southwest Missouri State Univ. Spring '98. She hopes to work for the FBI, CIA, or as a private defense contractor. **Kelly Coggeshall** is still at UVA. She saw a bunch of SBCers at the wedding of Jessica Gindlesperger '96. **Jennifer Wissman** still works for her uncle Darrell Waltrip, the three-time Winston Cup Championship driver. She bought a house in Nashville and is dating Mark Bennet. **Eleanor Dickinson** is studying for the MCAT and taking classes at the Univ. of Arkansas, Little Rock. She is planning a trip to Hong Kong 10/97. **Anna Hawthorne** is in Atlanta working for her father at his furniture gallery. She is marrying Rob Henry (VMI '95) 4/98. **Jane Rabadi** lives in Denver where she makes art and exhibits around the city. To pay her bills, she sells fossils and minerals, even dinosaur bones and other extinct creatures! In addition, she assists a "shrine artist" — a very unique experience. Her 2 cats are "fat and fabulous." **Cathy Cummings** completed her masters in sports administration at Ohio U., interned in GA, and is now in Dallas as Manager of Special Programs with National Spirit Group, LTD. Her company runs the pre-game & halftime show for major football bowls and parades. **Heather Lyn Roll Swanson** runs her own business, Open Door Languages, that teaches English to foreigners in Miami. She is working on a doctorate in speech pathology. She was adopted by her father and is changing her name to Heather Lyn Swanson. **Gwen Hickey-Babcock** and Devon had a great wedding and honeymooned for two weeks in Fiji. They now live with their cat and King in Pennsylvania. **Maren Howard** and Peter Leggett (HSC '95?) were engaged during their 6/97 trip to Barbados. They are marrying 05/30/98 in Lynchburg and going to Ireland on honeymoon. Maren is back at Sweet Briar getting her certification to teach elem. school. **Carson Scheppe** will be her Maid of Honor; **Lucy de Oliveira Bosworth**, **Eileen Yates**, and **Meredith Williams** will be bridesmaids; and **Kathy Whitby** will be a reader. Carson is in Atlanta working at The Atlanta Market. Lucy and Claude live happily in New Orleans where Lucy works at an employment agency. Meredith will graduate from Southern Methodist Univ. Law in 5/98. She has accepted a job with mid-sized firm in Dallas working in corporate/securities. She is still dating an old friend of Holly Prothro Philbin. Eileen is attending school for genetic counseling. **Nicky Stewart** and Scott Fowler (WnL '93) moved to MI where Nicky works for EDS as a business analyst, and Scott works for Lear Corporation in management. **Kimberly Rhoda** lives in northern VA and was promoted to advertising director, Heldref Publications, a non-profit foundation located in Dupont Circle. She does freelance singing for weddings and other special events. **Gretchen Vida** is a sales rep for a medical supply company and works on the top of the largest skyscraper in downtown Tampa. She still rides. She was a bridesmaid for **Liz Dunck Haye**. **Kara Dickey** still works at the National Gallery in Washington, DC and lives in Dupont Circle. Kara saw **Lynn Ivy Turner** who married Eli in Spring '97. Eli and Lynn live in Washington, DC. **Molly Becherer** is in her second year of med. school at the Univ. of Louisville, KY. She says she doesn't have time for much else. **Amy Spisso** moved in with her boyfriend in Encino, CA. She graduated from the Fashion Institute

of Design & Merchandising 6/97 with a major in textile design. She has freelanced for COBRA sportswear, and now works as a CAD artist for Sherry Fran, a division of LA Print & Dye Works. **Daniella Ricci** works for the Nat'l Italian American Foundation in Washington, DC. She volunteers to teach English as a second language and writes restaurant reviews for an internet magazine called www.dcpages.com. Check it out! **Tina Carlton** works for military papers and has been temporarily transferred to Patuxent River, MD to run the sales office there. She plans to return to Alexandria, VA by 11/01/97. **Courtney Huffman Whetstone** was married and lives with her husband and three kitties in Suffolk, VA. They are expecting a baby by Christmas '97. Courtney just received her Pre-K teaching certification from Christopher Newport Univ. 5/97. **Trista Newman** bought a house in Richmond, VA, renovated it, and moved in with her husky/chow Nema. She works at TimeLife and is enjoying it. **Heather Theis** is a 2ndLT in the Marine Corps. She was stationed in Quantico and has moved to CA. She says she is keeping the world safe for democracy. **Kathy Whitby** lives in Richmond and works at the Federal Reserve Bank in the PR Dept. She has traveled to Nantucket and Colorado. **Jennifer Parker Broughton** graduated 08/97 with her M.A. in Communicative Disorders from West Chester Univ. and is working her Clinical Fellowship year at Beverly Health & Rehabilitation Center, PA. Her husband Rick is in his second year of law school. **Mary Gordon Gill** came back from AK for the next school year and is living in Roanoke. She had a marvelous trip. **Laura Swope Townsend** lives with her husband in Germany and is traveling everywhere. She is still working on her Masters through the Univ. of OK. She works as the Assistant Director at the Army Child Care Center. **Lola Bailey** visited Laura 7/97. **Amanda-Bliss Knost Thomas** and her husband Yarko live in Raleigh, NC where she works for Wellspring Whole Foods Grocery Store. They were married 11/19/96 in Newport, NC. They visited **Shana-Tara Regon** in New Orleans, Fall '97. **Cat Ehlen** attends the NYC School of Interior Design and graduates 5/98. She plans to stay in NY where she was accepted in the NY Jr. League with Sisi Zirkle '93. **Kat Madden** is back from the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan and four months of traveling around Turkey and Greece. She is back in TX for a while. **Lucile Page** lives in Atlanta and attends Emory's Nursing School. Summer '97 she worked with Alzheimer's patients and wants to work with critical care and trauma patients next summer. She is still dating Bud. **Holly Elkins** still lives in Alexandria, VA and works for Snowsports Industries of America Association. **Jessica John** moved to Vero Beach, FL and is Asst. Concierge at Windsor, Village by the Sea. She and Jack Hager (HSC '95) are still together. **Kate Steptoe** lives and works in CO. **Mary Byrd Schroeder** moved into DC, but still visits her friends and boyfrend Jack back in the suburbs. She works for George Washington University Med. School in the Office of Research as the grant proposal administrator. She has talked to Katharine Harrington Welder (WnL) who lives with her husband Ray in San Antonio, TX. **Anna Reilly** works for the Rules Committee in the U.S. Senate. She moved into my Alexandria apartment with me (Katie Maxwell) last October. **Stephanie Arnold** lives with **Susannah Silverbrand** in Rosslyn, VA where she works as White House Liaison to the Pentagon. Susannah was accepted into the foreign service. **Catherine Orr** and her puppy Derby moved to Oakton, VA outside DC. Catherine finished her Masters in Pub-

lic Admin 5/97. She has visited **Liz Dunck Hayes** in Charlotte. Liz married Paul in Charlotte 4/5/97. They bought a house in Charlotte and claim they have fun, young couples as neighbors. **Cari Miller James** married Doug 4/97. They moved to Rockville where she teaches third grade at Washington Episcopal School — a private school in Bethesda. They see **Sarah Clifford Weaver** often and write and talk to **Lisa Buckingham Darr** and **Julie Fivecoate**. **Kelly Hall** is teaching full-time in the English Dept. at WV Wesleyan College. She missed her annual "SBC Revival" last Christmas because she went to England. She plans more overseas travel in 1998. Kelly has talked to **Sarah Butcher** who is working towards her entomology degree at VA Tech. **Yanna Wagg Gardephe** married Christopher Harry Gardephe on 9/2/97 in Montpelier, VT. Yana works in public relations at New England Culinary Institute. **Heather Aspinwall** is substitute teaching in Darien, CT. She spent last summer in Nantucket and has visited Christy Patten in NJ and the gang & me in Washington, DC. As for me, I still live in Alexandria, VA with my great new roomie Anna. I work for the Society of American Florists doing government relations/PAC/Lobbying for all those floral shops and growers. I'm still dating Scott — who, after going to several SBC events, is convinced he has met the entire class of 1995. I tell him that isn't so! For all of you on the internet, I am gathering a list of emails and sending periodical news updates. Please send me your address to kmaxwell@safnow.org. Keep me updated throughout the year. Don't lose touch!

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What a difference two years makes! Good to learn what everyone is doing. **Stephanie Dudley** has been in WY for the past year fly fishing and snowboarding. She is an independent home health care provider and is considering nursing school. **Judy Brown** is a social worker at the Nelson County Dept. of Social Services in Lovingston, VA, in the foster care and Adult Protective Services units. She sees **Wanda Brockman** regularly. **Jennifer Smith** is working the admissions office at SBC; enjoys it and sees many alums while traveling, including **Lynn Davis** and **Reneca Rose** '97. She also keeps in touch with **Beth Garlough-Thobe** '97 who was married 9/97. **Sue Whitehead** lives in New York and is a copywriter for a radio station producing commercials. She talks with **Sandy Jennings-Neblett**, **Anne Osterholm** and **Heather Goodwin**. They were all bridesmaids in Sandy's July 5th wedding at the SBC Chapel. Sandy enjoys teaching fourth graders in Appomattox and is beginning her master's in education at UVA. **Melissa Broderick** teaches h.s. students in OR and even takes them mountain climbing and skiing. She is engaged to be married on 7/26. **Clark Jordan** is living in New York working on Wall Street for Oppenheimer. **Emily Kuchar** is in law school at Samford Univ. in Birmingham.

Sarah Reidy moved to Atlanta after spending time in Singapore. She is a project manager for Pineapple House, an interior design firm and is busy with the local art and music scene. **Shann Fountain**, also in Atlanta, started her own translation and interpretation business. She sees **Caitlin Sundby**, **Tracy Lyons**, and **Janna McLarty**. She also keeps in touch with **Kristina Kukuk** '93

and **Slavica Olujic** '95. **Melissa McLearn** is in touch with several alums. She writes that **Stephanie Franz** and **Phuong Tran** are both in TX, Stephanie working in a lab and Phuong in nursing school. Melissa is in the MFA Lighting Design program at UVA and will graduate in spring '99. She talks to **Laura Lee Rihl Joiner** who is doing well at the Medical College of Georgia. **Ann Kays** is in grad school at the UT Medical Center in Houston studying microbiology and molecular genetics. She plans to take her Ph.D. candidacy exam. **Laura McGlamery** is finishing her master's degree at UNC-Chapel Hill. She keeps in touch with **Elizabeth Groves** and **Kelly Knappenberger**. Kelly is completing her master's in elementary education at the University of Puget Sound. Then she plans to head home to MN and get a teaching job. **Melissa Snyder** is engaged to an attorney in Morgantown, WV where she is attending law school. She stays in touch with **Abby Phillips**, who is now Deputy Director of the New Democrat Network and lives with **Claire Christensen**. Claire is a documentation/graphic specialist for ROH, Inc. in Crystal City, VA. She and Abby saw **Kelly Walker** who is in law school at Maryland. They also saw **Laura Powell** over the holidays. She and Ellie (who at 4 years old is busy with ballet lessons and Montessori school) live in Denver where Laura works for a Cellular Real Estate Corporation. **Cindy Rakow Prewitt** was married on 8/9 and **Meg Magistro**, **Leah Jorgensen**, **Eileen MacMurtrie**, **Alex Hiribarne**, **Rachel Boyd**, **Claire Christensen**, and **Kate Mulligan** were bridesmaids. **Beth Anne Nelson Sayegh** '94 was the matron of honor. Cindy lives in VA and works for Ernst & Young in the marketing department. **Leah Jorgensen** also lives in Alexandria, VA and works for PBS in the development department. She participated in several pledge drives and went to Palm Desert, CA for the annual PBS Development Conference. She and **Eileen MacMurtrie** have seen each other several times since Eileen returned from Germany. She is in PA, working and taking classes in preparation for Nursing School. **Marie Bandy** will attend dental school at the Medical College of Georgia. She saw **Sarah Reidy** and **Catherine Lanter** in Hilton Head.

Laura Lechler teaches third grade at Cape Henry Collegiate School in VA Beach. **Kerri Davis** teaches kindergarten at the same school and they enjoy being in the same area. **Lee Foley** is still in Richmond with a law firm and is applying for law school. **Angie Conklin** was recognized as Outstanding Realtor on the Eastern Shore where she works on Chincoteague Island. She is busy with her new pony and classes to obtain her Broker's license. Angie often talks to **Tracy Walters** who is a technical recruiter in VA for Acuity Technology. Tracy keeps in touch with **Robyn Peckol** and other alums in the area. **April Collins** is at Tulane Medical School. She is doing molecular endocrinology research in the area of breast cancer. **Claire Myers** is in grad school at Radford Univ. studying social work. She visits **Rachel Briers** and **Jessica Gindelsberger Hubbell**, who got married 9/97, in Charlotte, NC. She looks forward to being in **Rachel Boyd's** 8/98 wedding. **Constance Bump** is also in NC, at Wachovia Bank as a systems engineer for Lotus Notes. **Rachel Baltus** and **Julie Hildebrand** live in Raleigh, NC together where Julie is an Entrepreneurial Consultant for Ernst & Young and Rachel works for Glaxo Wellcome. They see **Paige Vaughn** who lives near them. Paige is a Loan Processor for World Mortgage and is glad to be back in the South! **Jill-Jenn Trzupek** has a new job at Citicorp Mortgage/Citibank Visa as an Auditor in St.

Louis and plans on grad school for audiology. **Jesse Durham** moved to Indianapolis, IN to work for RealMed Corp., a health care claims resolution company. She does miss her friends and family in DC but urges any alums in the area to come visit. **Alex Hiribarne** is working in real estate in Marblehead, MA and going to school for an alternative healing mode called Polarity. **Mary Margaret Dixon** is still at the Naval Surface Warfare Center and lives in King George, VA just down the street from **Janeen Sharma**. Mary Margaret spent New Year's Eve in DC with **Hilary Carlson**, **Sarah Dennis** and **Gigi Ostrow** where they saw **Tara Moran**, **Ann MacDonald** '97, and **Kathy May** '94. Janeen is also working for the Naval Surface Warfare Center. Hilary graduates from Columbia Univ. in May. **Laura Billings** and her husband are in Baltimore, MD where she is a network engineer with a consulting firm. She is working towards her Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer certification. She is in touch with **Christie Cardon** who is a legal assistant in Richmond and seriously thinking about law school. **Yolanda Davis** is at Dyncorp Information and Engineering Technology as a programmer/analyst. She lives in Alexandria with 2 friends from UVA. She saw **Tara Moran** and is in close touch with Jennifer Smith '96 and Reneca Rose '97. **Kimble Shaheen** teaches Latin at a private school in Albany, GA, and still sees Jeff White (H-SC '96). She will be going to grad school and is in touch with **Cakki Latimore** who lives in Richmond with Frazier Miller. Cakki and Frazier vacationed in London together. **Brandy Holland** lives at home and loves her job as a legal assistant in the District Attorney's office in Forsyth County, NC. She is in touch with **Katheryn Czarkowski** and **Holly Prothro**. **Sarah Dennis** teaches 5th grade in Clarksville, TN. **Rachel Boyd** is marrying Joe Belmonte 8/8/98 in Richmond, VA. Her bridesmaids will include Lynne Boyd '99, Wynn Cole, Amelia Dudman, Claire Myers, Jessica Gindelsberger, and Janie Bradley. Rachel works at St. Margaret's school in Tappahanock, VA. **Rachel Cooper** is a veterinary technician in Annapolis, MD. She is taking classes at the local community college and hopes to attend veterinary school soon. She visits Dawn Leary '95 in Charlottesville. **Rachel Briers** works in Charlottesville and sees **Anna Welton** and **Alex Davis**. **Annie Pankowski** is a Financial Analyst at Goldman, Sachs, & Co. in New York. She works on bond deals with foreign and corporate entities. She lives on the Upper West Side with her boyfriend. **Anne Collins** is with Management Advantage, Inc. in MN as their Account Executive. **Robin Bettger** is sales manager for Harbourview Inn, a new 4 diamond hotel in Charleston, SC. She has been living in Charleston since graduation with her 2 cats, and dating "a wonderful man, Joe." **Kasey Collins** spent 1997 at Monticello in Charlottesville doing educational programs, then visited **Sarah Reidy** for a month in Singapore. Now she is in Boston working at ITL in accounting. **Ashley Thorne Olerich** got married to Lyle Olerich 12/20/97. **Leigh Mason** was a bridesmaid and many SBCers, including The Honorable Lydia Calvert Taylor '60 and Eleanor McGruder Harris '75, attended. Ashley and Lyle live in Chapel Hill, NC where Lyle is pursuing a master's degree in health care administration from NC and Ashley is a teaching assistant at Durham Academy. **Catherine Lanter** works in the marketing dept. for The Coca Cola Co. in Atlanta and is looking for a job abroad. Atlanta is great but she misses VA and SB friends and visited them in 9/97. **Natalie Brown** works for Dynalloy in Southern

CA and spent a week in PA on business 11/97. Hopes to visit SB friends soon.

I am still doing advertising for a travel magazine in DC and loving it. I was able to go to Nashville and Louisiana on business. Last summer I spent a wild weekend in NYC with **Jen Beck**, **Jesse Durham**, **Janeen Sharma**, and **Claire Christensen**. We saw **Sarah Reidy** and **Annie Pankowski** and even managed to get on the Today Show. Thanks to everyone for their notes and if you're in DC please let me know - the alums in DC often have reunions and would love to have even more of you join us.

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Sarah Betz is managing a yacht club in Smithfield, VA. She sees Mary-Byrd Schroeder '95, **Amy Campbell**, and **Annette Dusenbury**. Amy is in the MA/PhD program in Government and Foreign Affairs at UVA. She will spend the summer in Richmond as a Governor's Fellow and apply to law schools for fall '99. She is still dating Demetri Poulos (VMI 98) - no marriage plans YET! Annette has been visiting classmates on the East Coast and interning for an orthopedic surgeon in Vienna, VA. She starts Physical Therapy School in the fall at Shenandoah U. **Kathy Johnston** is in the master's program in foreign service at Georgetown U. and will do an internship at the US Embassy in Dublin, Ireland this summer. She sees **Jill Butcher** and **Jill Meadows**, and keeps in touch with **Jill Gavitt**. Jill M. is in NYC performing as a dancer. Jill G. is in Japan teaching with the JET program and loving every minute of it! Jill B. is in NJ, contemplating grad school in library science for fall 99. She hopes to visit Kathy in Ireland this summer. **Jenn Wagner** is in Pittsburgh finishing up her first year of law school. She keeps in touch with **Jill B.**, **Jess Grass**, and **Cape Healey**. She will be in DC for the summer. Cape traveled during summer 97 to Bermuda and other "beachy" places. She then worked on the finance team for LF Payne's Lt. Governor race and is now a finance assistant for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in DC. She has met Pres. Clinton and will soon meet Hilary. She lives with **Debby Dressler** in Bethesda. **Alicia Allen** is a graduate research assistant for the MPA Program at the State U. of West GA. She met **Cristy Jordan** for a weekend visit to SBC. **Kristen McCowen Hartley** married Jonathan (HSC 97) in 6/97. They live in their new house in Arlington, VA. Kristen is a program analyst with the secret service. She sees **Nicole Kelleher**, **Thea Galenes**, **Gina Miller**, and **Holly James**. Thea is at U. of FL in the Masters of Fine Arts Program, where she has been teaching undergrad English and poetry. Gina is a special education aide in 2nd grade. She starts at the U. of Hartford 5/98 to work towards her masters in elementary education. Holly is in Alexandria working as a paralegal. She has been dating Mark McMickle for over a year and sees **Ticia Harbor**, and **Karn Henderson**. **Desiree Valenzuela** is in Baton Rouge and is engaged to Steve Gribschaw (West Point). They will marry in spring 99. She is an assistant administrator for United Companies Financial Corporation in Strategic Planning. **Ute Sartin** is now in Clarksdale, MS, with her husband and son. She is a full-time mom and loving it! She volunteers at various places and keeps in touch with **Desiree V.**, and **Leslie Brock**. **Alison Burnett** is finishing first year of law school at Chicago-Kent Col-

lege of Law and will be at SBC for graduation. **Gail Mesdag** is teaching Spanish at Juneau Christian School. She went to Mexico for a mission trip over spring break to be a translator. **Amy Yakubinis** is in Raleigh working for First Citizen Bank in the Corporate Offices. She went through the management program and is now in the In-Store Banking Dept. She saw **Jess Hiveley** and **Katie Clarkson**. Jess graduates 5/98 from UNC Chapel Hill with a masters in Accounting. She will work for Coopers & Lybrand in Minneapolis and says we are all welcome to visit her in the Twin Cities! Katie works for IBM in Raleigh. She is still dating Mark and still competing in horse shows. **Kathryn Cunningham** is a jeweler at the Gabriel Ofiesh Studio in Charlottesville. Has seen **Margaret Brodie**, Leigh Mason '96, and Lynn Martin '95. Talks with **Maia Pearson** and **Connor Louis**. She says Connor is in London (rumor has it she is still dating Peter...). **Paige Peabody Yager** lives in Boston with her husband Jeffrey. They are expecting a baby 5/98. Tavi Hyland Jones '96, Catherine Lanter '96, and Abbie McCammon '98, were at the wedding. **Sue Bader** moved to Boston with **Sara Schmaltz**. She is an assistant manager at Talbots and Sara is a developmental specialist at Goodwill Industries. They frequently see **Lisa DuCharme**, **Lindsay Rollenhagen**, and **Katy Seder** who live just around the corner! **Kate Hall Lombardi** is finishing grad school and looking for a job. She loves married life with Ben and keeps in contact with **Courtney Lammers**, **Melanie Vracas**, **Catherine Osuna**, and **Ann MacDonald**. Ann is Alumnae Programs Coordinator at SBC, and LOVES IT! She is a Big Sister and an Adult Sponsor at a women's homeless shelter in Lynchburg. Spends lots of time with Michael Carter (W&L 98). She's seen countless SBC friends because of work. **Kathryn Black Watson**, happily married to Allen (HSC 96) since 7/97, will be moving to Hattiesburg, MS, this summer for Allen to do his doctorate work. She works in kindergarten and loves it. She has seen **Katy McCartney** and **Elizabeth Hunter**, in addition to a bunch of SBC girls at the wedding. Katy works at St. Mary's School in NC and is head coach of the field hockey team. She also teaches SAT prep classes. Sees **Maia**, **Christen Cummings**, **Margaret Jenkins**, **Landis Addison**, Abbie McCammon '98, **Ann M.**, **Kathryn Watson**, Leighton Barrett '98, **Jen Lister**, and **Courtney Burt**. Landis is getting married 5/2/98 to Wayne in Atlanta. **Megan Usui** shares the following quote from Nietzsche with us, "We have to be careful that in turning out the devil, we don't turn out the best part of ourselves." **Amy Everett** works for Neiman-Marcus in Dallas as an assistant buyer in the "fast and furious" world of couture leather accessories. Keeps in touch with **Lindsay R.**, **Lisa D.**, and **Katy S.** She visited with **Elizabeth McIntosh** in NYC for New Year's and for a week in Puerto Vallarta. Elizabeth is in medical school at Duke U. and likes it. **Lucinda Polley** is engaged to Jon Howe and living in Birmingham. They will be married 11/14/98, and will move to Montgomery. **Amy Cook** graduates 8/98 from WVU with a masters in Reading Curriculum and Instruction for K-12. **Kerry Coleman** spent the last year as an RC at SBC. Her year inspired her to pursue College Student Affairs Administration at UGA in fall 98. She has a full scholarship! **Reneca Rose** works for Crestar Bank in Richmond. She sees Jennifer Smith '96 and Yolanda Davis '96 when back in Amherst to see her new boyfriend. **Beth Garlough** was married in Sept. to a baseball player in the Pittsburgh Pirates club. She will travel with the team this summer with hopes of being moved up to the ma-

jors before the end of the season! **Jennifer Swisher** is doing a medical internship in rural Eastern KY. She starts medical school at the U. of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, MO, in the fall. **Alicia King** is in Atlanta working for the Sema Group. Sees Shann Fountain '96 and emails **Alexa Schriempfi**, and **Melanie Vracas**. She is working with Sally Miller Gearheart '56 on programming that will bring lesbian/bi alumnae to campus for activities. Alexa is an editorial assistant for Time Life Books. In fall 98 she will enter U. of OR in Eugene in the PhD track for Philosophy on a full ride scholarship! She will meet up with **Nessim Al-Yafi** in Milan in June and they will work on a farm in Norway in July, then visit **Marion Johnson** and **Autumn Mather** in London. **Heather Benhard** is a doctor's assistant at a critical care animal center in CA. She is still thinking of going into medicine and is studying MRI technology. She tutors h.s. biology and sees Eileen Yates '95 often. **Stephanie Garcia** spent the summer in TX before starting school in the Dept. of Pharmacology at Duke U. She will soon start in the PhD program there. Bill (VMI 95) moved down and she loves having him close! She will soon be in Slovakia for 5 months to do research. **Stephanie Pappanikou** has been teaching riding at St. Andrews College in NC and recently bought a horse. She will be moving to Lexington, KY, with Chris (UVA Med. 98) who will be a resident at UK. She sees **Leigh Wilson** and Julie Hildebrandt '96. Leigh is in a masters program for biology at UNC Greensboro. **Becky Moats** works for STRATESEC, Inc. and will soon be moving. She keeps in touch with **Vaiana Teriitehau**, **Tasha Swales**, **Ann M.**, and **Christy Benson**. Christy is teaching for the JET program in Japan. **Amy Earehart** is in the masters program for Psychology at JMU and will graduate 5/99. She will be at Heather Terry's wedding in July at SBC. Heather works for Ferris Baker Watts, Inc. and will soon move to Fairfax. She hopes to teach next year. **Courtney Tolushek** is in Richmond working for Wallace, a national printing company. She works on the Monticello account so sees **Margaret J.** and **Susanne Nifong** weekly. Often sees **Elizabeth Hunter** in Richmond. Hunter is working for Virginia Properties. **Amanda Acuff** will be commissioned in June as a Richmond Police Officer. She should graduate from the police academy on July 17th! **Alison Hall** is getting her masters in Public Administration from Auburn U. She visited **Melanie Chriscow** in Miami, and many other classmates over the past year. She spent a week with **Annette D.** and **Joe Steele** (VMI 97) in Pensacola. As for me, I have had a wonderful year working in the Alumnae Office at Sweet Briar. Through my travels I have seen many classmates who are doing wonderful things. No special man yet - still shopping for my "uniformed" guy! Please come and visit often - you always have a place to stay with me!

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GORDON G. BEEMER H'21: A MATTER OF TRUST

Sweet Briar friend and honorary member of the Class of 1921 Gordon G. Beemer has been described as the College's own "Warren Buffett," a savvy investor whose enviable combination of analytical skill, gut instinct, and good timing guarantees success. It is a comparison that Gordon humbly protests, insisting that his mastery of the stock market amounts to sheer luck. "It's not me; it's the cards," he claims. "You gotta have luck."

As an example, Gordon recounts a day spent at Gulfstream Park with SBC's former chairman of the Board Walter H. Brown H'49 and his wife Catherine Barnett "Bunny" Brown '49. "In the third race, everyone around me seemed to be betting on a woman jockey with a great reputation. I had already placed my \$15 bet on her—\$5 across the board. To this day I'm not sure what happened, but I'm still waiting for her to come in! However, in a later race, there was another woman jockey. I thought, y'know, the way women are taking over this country, I don't think they're going to let the day end without a woman winning a race. I placed the same bet; sure enough, I won \$102 for my \$15. It's pure luck."

Pure luck might explain Gordon's success at the track, but the rest of the story hints at something more. Gordon Beemer believes in women. And he is backing that belief by carefully investing on Sweet Briar's behalf.

Born and educated in Lafayette, Indiana, he counted four SBC alumnae among his peers: Jane Callison Smith '30 (his first love in kindergarten), Sara Callison Jamison '29, Belle Brockenbrough Hutchins '29 and Merry Curtis Loving '30. A younger friend from Lafayette, Patricia Potter Duncan, recently adopted Gordon as a member of the Class of 1941. But his deep association with the College was fostered through his long friendship with Florence Woelfel Elston-Beemer '21 and her husband I.C. Elston.

"I met Florence in 1953, four or five years before she married I.C. Elston. He was a Crawfordsville, Indiana native, a mentor of mine, a well-known Chicago broker, and very successful man. I was his lawyer."

Gordon and his wife Julia socialized and traveled with the Elstons for several years. After I.C.'s death in 1964, they continued their close relationship with Florence, and Gordon and Florence formed a successful, informal investing team.

"In one incident in 1978, Florence had about \$25,000 she wanted to invest. She said she wanted to buy some Merck. I said, 'Well, if that's what you want, go buy it!' So she purchased 50 shares at about \$60 per share. I said, 'Great, now what are you going to do with the remaining \$22,000?' Well, she hadn't thought about it. Meantime, the Merck started going right up. Later, when she had more money to invest, I suggested she increase her Merck holding, which had risen to \$70 per share; she bought 150 shares. That investment, the original 200 shares, has since split into 3600 shares selling at \$132 per share—all of which is going to Sweet Briar!"

Gordon lost Julia in 1982, leaving him and Florence and a handful of other friends to maintain the good memories and great traditions that evolve with enduring friendships. Then, in May 1986, on the eve of Florence's



65th SBC Reunion, Gordon G. Beemer and Florence Woelfel Elston were married in the west parlor of Sweet Briar House.

"About then, Florence became interested in the guest inn Sweet Briar hoped to build on campus. I forget what the original proposal was exactly, but for a certain contribution you could name a room. I advised her to do the whole shebang and call it the Florence Elston Inn. Why not? So she did it. The reception area and original east-west block of rooms were dedicated in May 1988. But, looking at the building afterward, she always felt it

wasn't quite complete. As she put it, 'It's very hard to fly with just one wing!'

"In 1986, Florence executed a will and several living trusts disposing of her assets. One trust gave me a life estate in her Chicago apartment with the remainder going to Sweet Briar upon my death. But when she died in 1989, I neither wanted the apartment to live in, nor needed the proceeds of the sale as income. So I thought, Why wait? Sweet Briar is going to get the money eventually and Florence would have loved to see the Inn finished. I sold the place and gave the proceeds to the College.

"Part of the problem is many people don't know how to give. They give \$5 when they could give \$5,000 just as easily. Florence and I came to realize that we could give generously and not miss the money one iota. It's an educational experience, discovering how much institutions like Sweet Briar depend on alumnae and friends for support—not just for scholarships and buildings, but for maintenance and day-to-day operations. That's why I continue to give annually, to provide for the upkeep of the Inn or to help with other basics. It's the least I can do because, after all, I get to stay in the Inn for free!"

Besides the new wing, the Inn now includes an impressive, much-used conference room named for Mr. Beemer. However, his work for the College did not stop there.

"After Florence's death—with a Chicago bank as the corporate trustee and me serving as the individual trustee of her \$2.6 million residuary estate, the bank told me, well, obviously you want to maximize your income. They wanted to sell all the stock and put the proceeds in tax-exempt bonds to preserve the trust principal for the College. I said 'No! Absolutely not! If Florence wanted the amount of the trust to remain the same, she could have left it directly to the College. I want Sweet Briar to have *more* money when I die.' Well, they decided to go along with me. As a result, on January 1, 1998, the endowment fund was valued at \$6.3 million."

Though Gordon has a professional interest in estate planning, it is clear that his concern for Sweet Briar is personal and affectionate. "I don't think I'm smarter than anyone else. I think someone up there—I don't know who or why—has been looking after me. My commitment to Sweet Briar requires time and attention but, you know, it goes both ways. I recently received a letter from a scholarship student saying that the College has given her the opportunity to compete against herself and uncover her strengths in the process. And that's really—well, that's what this whole thing is about."

SWEET BRIAR ALUMNAE COLLEGE TRAVEL PROGRAM 1999

ENCHANTING TAHITI

January 19-30, 1999

The ultimate winter destination. Three nights in the Beachcomber Hotel in Papeete, Tahiti (city sightseeing tour and visit to the Gauguin Museum included), followed by 7-night cruise on the Radisson Seven Seas Cruises Line's 300-passenger, 6-star *M.S. Paul Gauguin*. Cruise includes visits to the islands of Rangiroa, Raiatea, Bora Bora and Moorea, with enrichment lectures by naturalists, artists, and Polynesian experts.

AUSTRIAN WINTER ESCAPE

February 26-March 5, 1999

Affordable week in Salzburg, the "Capital of the Austrian Alps," at 5-star Crowne Plaza Pitter Hotel. Plan your own schedule with help from experienced travel director. Variety of optional excursions include full-day trips to Munich and Innsbruck; half-day tour of the Lake District and sites where *The Sound of Music* was filmed; full-day trip featuring ride on a horse-drawn sleigh. Reasonably-priced optional "dine-around" dinner package offers wide selection of restaurants.

THE ART & ARCHITECTURE OF SPAIN

May 6-19, 1999, with Bilbao option May 19-20

SBC Professor of Spanish Pamela DeWeese will share her expertise on a 12-day exploration of the artistic and cultural heritage of Spain. Trip includes 4 nights in Madrid with guided tours of its historic riches; a full-day excursion to Toledo, including visit to El Greco's home and studio; a high-speed train journey to historic Cordova; 2 nights in Granada's Hotel Alhambra Palace on the grounds of the exquisite Moorish masterpiece, the Alhambra; 2 nights in Seville with guided tours of the Cathedral, Alcazar, Santa Cruz Quarter, the Maria Luisa Park, the Casa de Pilatos, and Hospital de la Caridad (We hope to visit with students on SBC's Junior Year in Spain). Conclude with 4 nights in Barcelona; visits to Barcelona's galleries, including the Picasso Museum. Optional stop in Bilbao to see the new Guggenheim Museum.

All dates and itineraries are subject to change. For further information, contact Noreen Parker, our travel coordinator in the Alumnae Office. Tel: 804-381-6131; fax: 804-381-6132; e-mail: nparker@sbc.edu

VOYAGE AROUND ITALY

June 25-July 7, 1999

Board *Sea Goddess 1*, one of the highest-rated passenger cruise ships in the world: staff of 89 serves 116 guests. Voyage begins in Monte Carlo, ends in Venice, navigating the entire Italian peninsula, including Sicily. Ports of call: Livorno/Florence; Civitavecchia/Rome; Sorrento/Pompeii/Herculaneum; Salerno/Paestum/Ravello/Amalfi; Porto Empedocle, Sicily/Agrigento; Syracuse, Sicily; Otranto/Lecce/Alberobello; Ancona/Urbino; Ravenna; Venice. Complete program of tours, shore excursions, and lectures throughout the trip. SBC President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld will accompany the group.

ALUMNAE COLLEGE IN SCOTLAND

August 4-12, 1999

Nine-day seminar in Scotland, based in historic town of Stirling, the ancient capital in the heart of Scotland. Seven nights in 1st class Stirling Highland Hotel only 500 yards from the town's famous castle. Daily mixture of seminars and excursions, special "Meet the People" session (open forum question-and-answer session with panel of local Scots). Highlights of included excursions: Loch Lomond, The Trossachs, a cruise on lovely Loch Katrine; Scone Palace and Glenturret Distillery; full-day trip to Edinburgh; Scottish Highlands and Loch Ness, including train ride from Inverness to Stirling. We hope to include a visit to St. Andrews.

PLEASURES OF PARIS

November 5-13, 1999

The SBC Friends of Art and the Alumnae Association are co-sponsoring this tour. SBC's Director of College Galleries and Arts Management Program Rebecca Massie Lane will accompany the group. Six nights in a charming 4-star hotel in the heart of the left bank. Included: curatorial visits to the Louvre and Musée D'Orsay; 2 full-day excursions to Fontainebleau and Vaux-le-Vicomte; and walking tours of the Marais and medieval districts. Our guide: art historian Alice Jouve, who taught at SBC 25 years ago.

KENYA DISCOVERY

January 16-28, 2000

Details in Winter '99 Magazine.

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